REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 015 s. 2014

“THIS SCHOOL IS A ZONE OF PEACE” BANNER IN ALL DepED SCHOOLS, REGION, DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS OFFICES NATIONWIDE

TO: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
This region

1. Enclosed is DepED Unnumbered Memorandum dated October 1, 2012 requiring all schools, regional, division and district offices to put up a banner/tarpaulin “THIS SCHOOL IS A ZONE OF PEACE”. (Please see attachment for details)

2. To ensure the uniformity of design and colors in printing the banner/tarpaulin, soft copy can be accessed at tinjuri.com/peacesignage

3. Immediate and widest dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

ALLAN G. FARNAZO, CESO IV
Regional Director

January 8, 2014
MEMORANDUM

TO : SCHOOLS DIVISION/CITY SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF REGULAR AND INTERIM DIVISIONS
FROM : DIR. CARMELITA T. DULANGON
SUBJECT : IMMEDIATE DISSEMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION:
"This School Is A Zone of Peace " Banner in ALL DepEd Schools, Regional, Division and District Offices Nationwide

Date : October 1, 2013

The Honorable Secretary, through Ussec. Mario A. Deriquito, Undersecretary for Partnership and External Linkages, is requesting for immediate implementation of putting up Banners in all DepEd Schools, Regional, Division, and District offices nationwide.

The printing of banners will be done as follows:

For Schools: "THIS SCHOOL IS A ZONE OF PEACE, (first line is standard to be printed)
Huwag po kaming idamay sa anumang kaguluhan," (second line should be translated into the mother tongue or the common language used in the area)
Size of Banner/Tarpaulin: 1.5 meters (height) x 3 meters (width).

For Regional, Division, and District offices:
"EACH SCHOOL IS A ZONE OF PEACE, (first line is standard to be printed)
Huwag po kaming idamay sa anumang kaguluhan," (second line should be translated into the mother tongue or the common language used in the area)
Size of Banner/Tarpaulin: 1.5 meters (height) x 3 meters (width)

The second line "Huwag po kaming idamay sa anumang kaguluhan" may be removed in areas where there are no armed conflicts and/or peace and order problems, depending on the judgement of the Schools Division Superintendent.

For uniformity of designs and colors in printing the banner/tarpauline, soft copy can be accessed at tinjri.com/peaceplanmap.

The BANNER should be put up not later than October 15, 2013.

Enclosed is the new unnumbered memorandum dated September 30, 2013, including the guidelines and sample designs to be followed. Disregard the previous memorandum faxed on September 27, 2013.

For IMMEDIATE compliance.

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : Regional Secretary, ARMM
      All Regional Directors
      All Schools Division Superintendents
      All District Supervisors
      All School Heads

FROM : MARIO A. DERIQUITO
       Undersecretary for Partnerships and External Linkages

SUBJECT : FOR IMMEDIATE DISSEMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION:
          "This School Is A Zone Of Peace" Banner in ALL DepEd
          Schools, Regional, Division and District Offices Nationwide

Date : September 30, 2013

We are issuing this memorandum pursuant to the decision made during the National
Management Committee meeting held in Puerto Princesa City last September 23, 2013.

For several years now, there have been conflicts between and among groups in
communities around our schools which have led to hostilities and violence.

There have been many cases when our schools were used as hiding places and even as
battlefields, and our personnel, teachers, students and pupils were caught in the crossfire.
We have had cases of teachers and children taken hostage, resulting in injury or even death,
and emotional and psychological trauma. Many of our school infrastructures, including
property and equipment, have been badly damaged by such hostilities.

While we are now in the process of providing assistance to our students, teachers and
personnel and even the communities around our schools affected by the most recent events
in Zamboanga City and Misuairp, Cotabato, we would like to take a more proactive stance
on this matter by appealing to all parties involved in the conflicts to consider our public
schools as neutral grounds or peace zones and must not be used as battlegrounds or as
targets of violence. Neither should our teachers, personnel and students be treated as
targets nor used as human shields by anyone.

We enjoin our schools in areas with armed conflict and/or peace and order problems to
put up a banner at a prominent location outside the school, preferably near the gate bearing
this message:

THIS SCHOOL IS A ZONE OF PEACE
Huweig po kaming idamay sa anumang kagulahan.
In areas without armed conflict and/or peace and order problems, depending on the judgment of the Regional Director and/or the Schools Division Superintendent, the banner may just read:

THIS SCHOOL IS A ZONE OF PEACE.

Please follow the guidelines described below:

1. "THIS SCHOOL IS A ZONE OF PEACE." should be the standard line to be printed on the upper portion of the banner made of tarpaulin measuring 1.5 meters x 3 meters.

2. The line "Huwag po kaming idamay sa anumang kaguluhan." should be translated into the mother tongue or the common language used in the area. This sentence should be printed right below the first line and should use a different font or letter type.

3. The design should be the dark green blackboard look with chalk markings. Please see attached sample printout of the banner. The soft copy may also be accessed at tinyurl.com/peacesignage.

4. Printing costs for the banners will be charged to local funds.

5. Before the banner is posted on the front wall or gate of the school, the school head should explain the meaning of the message and its purpose to the teachers and students during a flag-raising ceremony. This should also be included in the agenda of one of the PTA meetings.

6. The regional, division, and district offices, including all DepED facilities, will put banners with a slightly different message. "EACH SCHOOL IS A ZONE OF PEACE. Huwag po kaming idamay sa anumang kaguluhan." The line "Huwag po kaming idamay sa anumang kaguluhan." may also be removed in areas where there are no armed conflicts and/or peace and order problems. The guidelines spelled out above should be followed as well by the regional, division and district offices.

7. If in the judgment of the regional director,

Attached is a sample printout of the banner. The soft copy of the ready-to-print file as well as the editable file will be sent via email to all Regional Directors for cascading to their respective Division Superintendents, then the Superintendents will disseminate to all districts and schools.

We enjoin all our public schools, regional, division and district offices to put up this banner not later than October 15, 2013.

For IMMEDIATE dissemination and implementation. Thank you.

MARIO A. DERUQUITO

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THIS SCHOOL IS A ZONE OF PEACE.
HUWAG PO KAMING IDAMAY SA ANUMANG KAGULUHAN.

(School banner in areas with armed conflict and/or peace and order problems)

EACH SCHOOL IS A ZONE OF PEACE.
HUWAG PO KAMING IDAMAY SA ANUMANG KAGULUHAN.

(DepEd regional, division, and district offices' banner in areas with armed conflict and/or peace and order problems)
Dear Regional Secretary – ARMM, and Regional Directors,

Good day!

This is in reference to the Memorandum sent last Thursday / Friday on Peace Banner.

Please DISREGARD the Memorandum sent last Thursday / Friday (September 26, 2013, email and fax, respectively) and CONSIDER what is attached in this email (File name: "Memorandum_Peace Zone Banner_revised.pdf"). We will also be sending the attached files via fax in your respective offices.

The attached Memorandum contains options for schools and regional, division, and district offices to remove the "Huwag po kaming idamay sa anumang pagkilala," in areas where there are no armed conflicts and/or peace and order problems, subject to the judgement of the Regional Secretary, Regional Director, and/or the Schools Division Superintendent.

The deadline has also been adjusted to October 15, 2013.

Please feel free to contact us for any questions/concerns that you may have on this. Thank you very much.

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