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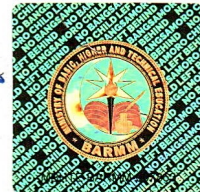
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ATTENTION : **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**
ALL BUREAU DIRECTORS
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SUBJECT : **MBHTE-BARMM GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF END-OF-SCHOOL-
 YEAR RITES FOR SY 2022-2023**

DATE : May 22, 2023

1. In relation to the issuance of DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2023 also known as An Order Updating the Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of the K to 12 Basic Education Program End-of-School Year Rites, the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education hereby issues the herein **MBHTE-BARMM GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF END OF SCHOOL YEAR RITES FOR SY 2022-2023** as recommended by the Directorate General for Basic Education.
 - a. In the annual conduct of full in-person EOSY rites, observance of physical distancing and wearing of face masks shall no longer be mandatory. The decision to wear face masks is left to the discretion of learners and their parents.
 - b. Each school can elect the date for holding this year's rites not earlier than July 10 and not later than July 14, 2023, as indicated in the Regional Memorandum 792 s. 2022 or the MBHTE-BARMM School Calendar for SY 2022-2023.
 - c. This year's EOSY rites theme is **"Gradweyt ng K to 12: Hinubog ng Matatag na Edukasyon" (K to 12 Graduates: Molded through a Resilient Educational Foundation)**. This theme emphasizes that graduation symbolizes the resilience, agency, and grit of Filipino learners honed by a solid basic education system responsive to the changing needs of the time. All Schools Division Offices are encouraged to translate this year's theme to their respective mother tongue for the community to fully grasp and appreciate its meaning and value.





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2. The Ministry and DepEd reiterate the following policies:
- a. Graduation and Moving Up Ceremonies should be simple yet meaningful. While these rites mark a milestone in the lives of the learners, these should be conducted without excessive spending, extravagant attire, or extraordinary venue.
 - b. Non-academic projects articulated in DO No. 66, s. 2017, entitled Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities such as attendance to field trips, film showing, JS Promenade, and other school events should not be imposed as requirements for graduation or completion.
 - c. The format of the certificate of completion and diploma must be in accordance with Enclosures 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Regional Memorandum No. 742, s. 2021 and Regional Memorandum 485 s. 2019 or the MBHTE Seal, Logo, and Visibility Guidelines and the MBHTE Brand Guidelines.
 - i. For private elementary and secondary schools, technical and vocational institutions (TVIs), and higher education institutions (HEIs) including state universities and colleges (SUCs) and local universities and colleges (LUCs). The use of the enclosed completion certificate and diploma template is optional. The signature of the school head is required, while the signature of the Schools Division Superintendent is not required.
 - ii. For public elementary and secondary schools, the use of the cited completion certificate and diploma templates is required.
 - d. Guidelines on awarding of honors to learners from Grades 1 to 12 as stipulated in DO No. 36, s. 2016, entitled **Policy Guidelines on Awards and Recognition for the K to 12 Basic Education Program and the MBHTE Regional Memorandum No. 448 s. 2022** specifically provisions number 3-6 shall be followed.
 - e. Moving up or graduating rites shall be conducted in an appropriate solemn ceremony befitting the graduating students and their families and shall not be used as a political forum, in strict compliance with DO No. 48, s. 2018 entitled **Prohibition of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity**.
 - f. Prohibiting any MBHTE personnel to collect any kind of contribution or graduation/moving up fee since all expenses for this activity can be charged against School MOOE as stipulated in the MBHTE Regional Memorandum No. 770-B s. 2022 or the Guidelines for The Release, Use, Monitoring & Reporting of The School Maintenance & Other Operating Expenses (School MOOE) Anchored on Moral Governance.
 - g. RA No. 11480 an act amending Section 3 of RA 7797, also known as "**An Act to Lengthen the School Calendar from Two Hundred (200) Days to Not More Than Two Hundred Twenty (220) Class Days**". All Schools Division Offices shall



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ensure that all schools comply with the required number of school days. All necessary interventions to comply with are hereby encouraged.

- Private Schools including Private Madrasas, Ministry's Supervised Higher Educations Institutions (MSHEIs), State Universities, Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) offering basic education or any grade levels thereof, may opt to adopt the provisions of this memorandum as the basis for the conduct of their moving up/graduation ceremonies.
- The following are the nature of the ceremony and proof of completion to be awarded to every completer and graduate corresponding to their grade levels;

Grade Level Completers	Completers	Proof of Completion
Kindergarten	Moving Up	Kindergarten Certificate
Grade 6	Graduation	Elementary Certificate
Grade 10	Moving Up	Junior High School Certificate
Grade 12 learners from a. Schools with DepEd-approved K to 12 transition plans b. Schools with permit to operate Senior High School since 2014 c. International schools with K to 12 Program	Graduation	Senior High School Diploma

- Casual or formal wear, or school uniform, shall remain as the recommended moving up/graduation attire. Toga or sablay is allowed to be worn as an additional garb. All schools are encouraged to ensure that **No Unnecessary Spending** shall be borne by the completers and graduates on the tailoring, renting, and purchasing of moving up and graduation attire or academic regalia or toga.
- The School Heads shall be primarily responsible for supervising the implementation of this policy in their schools, ensuring that the provisions are communicated to all concerned stakeholders in the school community.
- The Directorate General for Basic Education (DGBE) and Schools Division Offices shall monitor the compliance of schools with this memorandum.
- The DGBE will do field monitoring and visit selected schools to attend and deliver the message of the Minister and the Director General during the moving-up and graduation dates. The following are the assignments of the DGBE officials;

Schools Division Office	Team Leader
1. Basilan	Director Thong Amino Bureau of Sports and Physical Education
2. Cotabato City	Abdullah Saik, Jr. Director General, Basic Education



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3. Lamitan City	Director Daud Kadon Bureau of Alternative Learning System
4. Lanao del Sur I	Dr. Alizabrie D. Sungka Chief, School-Based Management Division
5. Lanao del Sur II	Camilo M. Bangcola M&E Section Chief
6. Maguindanao 1	Director Johnny Balawag Bureau of Basic Education
7. Maguindanao 2	Director Judith Caubalejo Bureau of Indigenous Peoples Education
8. Marawi City	Margie G. Pendulat Chief, Quality Assurance Division
9. Special Geographic Areas	Yul V. Olaya Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division
10. Sulu	Alfadhhar Pajiji Chief, DRRM
11. Tawi-Tawi	Director Alkhan Sangkula Bureau of Special Education

9. Should you have concerns or other inquiries, kindly contact **Camilo M. Bangcola**, Chief, Monitoring and Evaluation Section, at mobile number 0948-770-5607 or email at camilo.bangcola@deped.gov.ph.

10. For guidance and strict compliance.