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REGION MEMORANDUM
No. 261 s. 2014

“PAMASKONG TOTOO ANG TAOS PUSONG SERBISYO”
AN ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

TO : Schools Division Superintendents
Asst. Schools Division Superintendents
District Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
(Private and Public)
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepED Order 114, series 2009, Christmas celebrations in public and private schools and DepED regional and divisions offices should be **simple but meaningful, instilling in mind the true spirit of the season and the severity called for by the difficult economic times.** The following guidelines should be observed:

- a. Contribution for celebrations in schools or offices, whether in cash or in kind, should be strictly voluntary;
- b. Means to generate an amount intended for our less fortunate fellow Filipinos may be planned;
- c. Decorations should be simple, inexpensive and produced by students and staffers; and
- d. Schools and offices are encouraged to tone down the holding of parties and consider donating the savings to relief assistance for families still reeling from the destruction caused by the recent calamities.

2. Everyone is directed to decide on alternative ways of celebrating Christmas other than holding lavish parties, and exchanging expensive gifts. To develop learners strong desire to serve their country and work for its betterment, this office is encouraging the following alternative ways:

- a. Community, Coastal or Creek Clean-up;
- b. Medical and Dental Mission; (in coordination with concerned agencies)
- c. Tree Planting;
- d. Feeding program with Street Children;
- e. Visit the Home of the Elderly and Differently-abled children ;
- f. Adopt-a-Community Project or Adopt-a-Family Project;
- g. Reading in the Streets; and
- h. Symposium on “Disaster Preparedness” in barangays.



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3. The region, schools division offices and schools shall be simultaneously celebrating Christmas in their own alternative ways on **December 19, 2014**. At **12:00 o'clock noon**, there will be a unified **thanksgiving prayer** intended for the learners of this region. It shall be led by the Head of Office. Attached is enclosure 1: thanksgiving prayer for the learners.
4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


ALLAN G. FARNAZO, CESO IV
Regional Director

Encls.: As stated

Reference: DO 114, series 2009

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

Under the following subjects:

Celebration Learners