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Department of Education

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CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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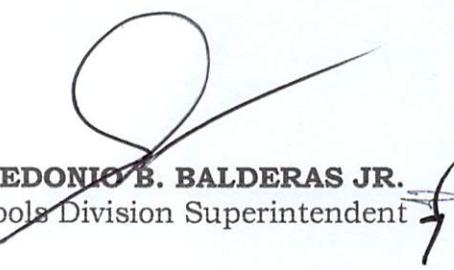
DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 875 s. 2025

APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
Heads, Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

1. This Office is to bring to the attention of the field the increasing number of requests from various churches, religious organizations, and individuals seeking approval for the conduct of religious instructions within the public schools under the jurisdiction of this Schools Division Office.
2. It is hereby reiterated that the decision on whether to accommodate requests of this nature lies with the concerned School Heads. In making such decision, it is imperative that School Heads adhere strictly to the guidelines set forth in relevant Department of Education issuances. In particular, School Heads are reminded to ensure compliance with the following:
 - a. **DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005** – Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith: This order emphasizes the importance of maximizing instructional time and reducing any activities that may disrupt the learning process. When considering requests for religious instruction, please assess the potential impact on students' engage time-on task.
 - b. **DepEd Order No. 49. S. 2009** – Reiterating the Revised Rules and Regulations on the Teaching of Religion in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools: Specifically, item 5 of this order provides guidance on the conditions under which religious instruction may be conducted. It is crucial that any approval granted aligns with these regulations to ensure that religious instruction, if allowed, does not interfere with the regular curriculum and is done in accordance with DepEd's policies.
3. School Heads are expected to exercise sound judgment in evaluating each request, keeping in mind the best interest of the learners and the school's educational mandate.

4. Wide and Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: None

Reference: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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