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Department of Education
Region VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BOHOL

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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REMINDER ON THE PROHIBITION OF ELECTIONEERING AND PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY

TO: *Assistant Schools Division Superintendents*
Chiefs of SGOD and CID
Education Program Supervisors/ Education Program Specialists
Public Schools District Supervisors/ Acting PSDSs
School Heads/Principals, Teaching & Nonteaching Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. In view of the forthcoming national and local elections in 2022, the Department of Education, Schools Division of Bohol issues a reminder to all its officials, teaching and non-teaching personnel on the constitutional prohibition against electioneering and conduct of partisan political activity. Article IX-B, Section 2(b), paragraph 4 of the 1987 Constitution states that ***no officer or employee in the civil service shall engage, directly or indirectly, in any electioneering or partisan political campaign.***
2. The Omnibus Election Code, as amended, prohibits government officials and employees from engaging in any electioneering and partisan political activity and considers the commission thereof as an election offense punishable by law. The same prohibition is found in Book V, Title I, Chapter 7, Section 55 of the Executive Order No. 292, or the **Administrative Code of 1987**.
3. In accordance with existing rules and regulations promulgated by the CSC, the COMELEC, and jurisprudence, (CSC Resolution No. 1600298 dated March 29, 2016), the following are regarded as partisan political activities, which refer to acts designed to promote the election or defeat of a particular candidate or party to public office, to wit:
 - a. Forming organizations, associations, clubs, committees, or other groups of persons for the purpose of soliciting votes and/or undertaking any campaign for or against a candidate / party;
 - b. Holding political caucuses, conferences, meetings, rallies, parades, or other similar assemblies for the purpose of soliciting votes and / or undertaking any campaign for or against a candidate / party;
 - c. Making speeches, announcements, or commentaries, or holding interviews for or against the election of any candidate or party for public office;



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- d. Publishing, displaying, or distributing campaign literature, or materials designed to support or oppose the election of any candidate or party;
 - e. Directly or indirectly soliciting votes, pledges, or support for any or against a candidate or party;
 - f. Being a delegate to any political convention, or a member of any political committee or directorate, or an officer of any political club or other similar political organizations;
 - g. Receiving any contributions for political purposes, either directly or indirectly;
 - h. Becoming publicly identified with the success or failure of any candidate/s or party / ties;
 - i. Wearing of t-shirts or pins, caps or any other similar election paraphernalia bearing the names of the candidates or political party except as authorized by the COMELEC;
 - j. Bring a watcher for a political party or candidate during the election;
 - k. Consistent presence in political rallies, caucuses of, and continuous companionship certain political activities, causing the employee to be closely identified with such candidate and / or political party;
 - l. Giving personal, financial or other monetary contributions, supplies, equipment and materials for the benefit of a candidate and / or political party;
 - m. Utilizing government resources such as personnel, including job order or contract of service hires, time, and properties for political purposes;
 - n. Distributing handbills/ leaflets;
 - o. Attendance at political meetings and caucuses; and
 - p. Distribution of letters indicating intention to run for public office.
3. All Public Schools District Supervisors/Acting PSDSs are directed to disseminate this Memorandum to all concern to ensure that government workers will remain focused on the affairs of the government, to do away with the spoils system, and to shield public servants from the vagaries of politics.
4. Widest dissemination and strict compliance of this Memorandum is desired.


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Reference: *DepEd Order No. 048, s. 2018.*

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