

## MOOE TRANSPARENCY BOARD: A BOARD FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

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Transparency in handling monetary matters is vital in all offices be it public or private. As mandated by the government, public schools are given an annual budget for all the conceivable or possible expenditures of the school including all its staff and students is the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE).

MOOE is primarily used in the preservation or sometimes repair of the facilities of the four corners of the academe; maintenance of the buildings, repair of damaged walls, ceilings, broken lavatories, impaired common toilets, and the like. It is also used to procure or acquire all the vital school supplies needed by teachers and office staff in the fulfillment or compliance of their job. MOOE also funds the school activities reckoned necessary as approved by the higher-ups. Sometimes the fund also pays the obligatory bills like water, communication, and electric bills of the school. Oftentimes, the fund is also utilized to pay the salary of school utility personnel. All these are emphasized in DepEd Order No.13, s 2016 and DepEd Order No. 8, s.2019.

Government institutions like the school are required to put up a transparency board that is visible containing all financial reports of the schools. The written report liquidation of all the school expenses should be comprehensive to avoid skirmishes, conflicts, and doubts among internal and external school stakeholders. It should be updated quarterly, as mandated by Republic Act 9485 or the Anti Red Tape Act of 2007.

The transparency board mainly guarantees the integrity and honesty of the school heads that manage the school budget intended for the school programs, projects, and activities.

The school is the cradle of moral values and virtues that it must set an example of transparency and accountability through the MOOE transparency board display.

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