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Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 210, s. 2026

**REITERATION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF AUSTERITY MEASURES
IN THE CONDUCT OF ALL DIVISION AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Principals
SDO Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the Department's commitment to prudent fiscal management and the efficient use of government resources, this Office hereby reiterates the strict observance of austerity measures in the planning and conduct of all division and school activities. This is consistent with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 61, s. 2004, DepEd Memorandum No. 018, s. 2026, and DepEd Memorandum No. 022, s. 2026, which collectively emphasize the need to rationalize expenditures and ensure that public funds are utilized judiciously and responsibly.
2. Accordingly, all field offices shall ensure that activities such as meetings, conferences, trainings, seminars, and similar undertakings are carried out in a manner that upholds cost-efficiency without compromising their intended objectives. In particular, priority shall be given to the use of existing DepEd facilities as venues for official functions. In instances where such facilities are unavailable or unsuitable, the utilization of other government-owned or controlled facilities is highly encouraged as a viable and economical alternative.
3. The engagement of private venues shall be resorted to only when absolutely necessary and must be supported by appropriate justification, subject to existing government accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations. Moreover, all concerned offices are strongly advised to limit expenditures related to venue rental, accommodations, meals, and other incidental costs, and to explore alternative modalities, including virtual or blended arrangements, whenever feasible and appropriate.



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