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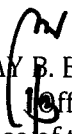
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. **002-2018**

DISSEMINATION OF DBM- DEPED JOINT CIRCULAR NO. 1 DATED DECEMBER 22, 2017

TO: Schools Division Superintendent
Secondary School Heads of Implementing Units
Division Accountants and Budget Officers
Senior Bookkeepers of Implementing Units
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of Department of Budget and Management - Department of Education Joint Circular No. 1-2017, entitled: Amendments to DBM-DepEd Joint Circular No. 2004-1 dated January 1, 2014, " Guidelines on the Direct Release of Funds to DepEd- Regional Offices and Implementing Units".
2. The New Joint Circular adopts the common fund concept for the Schools Division Offices Proper and Schools classified as Implementing Units wherein these DepEd Units will maintain **only one MDS account for their regular operating requirements including RLIP and Accounts Payable**. Other MDS accounts still to be maintained are for the TL/RG Benefits and Trust Liabilities.
3. In accordance with item 3.4 of the new Joint Circular, Schools Division Offices and Schools Classified as Implementing Units shall make the necessary steps to close the **other MDS account used for MOOE** with their government servicing banks.
4. Immediate dissemination ~~of~~ this Joint Circular is desired.


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Encl.: As stated.

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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

JOINT CIRCULAR NO. 1
December 22, 2017

F O R: All Central and Regional Officials of the Department of Budget and Management, and the Department of Education including Schools Division Superintendents, School Principals/School Heads, Heads of Finance Services, Budget Officers, Chief Accountants/Heads of Accounting Units and All Other Concerned

SUBJECT: Amendments to DBM-DepEd Joint Circular No. 2004-1, "Guidelines on the Direct Release of Funds to DepEd – Regional Offices and Implementing Units"

1.0 Rationale

The Joint Circular (JC) No. 2004-1 was issued on January 1, 2004 to provide guidelines on the direct release of funds to DepEd Regional Offices (ROs) and Implementing Units (IUs).

2.0 Purpose

This JC is being issued to amend certain parts of JC No. 2004-1, particularly Items 4.13.2 to 4.13.4:

- 2.1 To simplify the releasing/utilization of cash allocations and reporting/monitoring of disbursements by using only one Modified Disbursement System (MDS) account [previously used for Personnel Services (PS)] to cover regular operating requirements [PS, Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), Capital Outlay (CO), and Retirement and Life Insurance Premiums (RLIP)] and accounts payable, instead of two MDS accounts; and
- 2.2 To adopt the Common Fund Scheme in accordance with Circular Letter 2013-16 dated December 23, 2013.

3.0 Amendments

The following items are hereby amended to read as follows:

3.1 Item 4.13.2. Schools Division Offices (SDOs) shall maintain separate MDS accounts for:

- Regular operating requirements including RLIP and accounts payable;
- Terminal Leave (TL)/Retirement Gratuity (RG) benefits; and
- Trust Liabilities, in accordance with DOF-DBM-COA Joint Circular No. 4-2012 dated September 11, 2012

These accounts shall cover transactions of the SDO (Proper), elementary schools and SSs without FS under the SDO coverage.

3.2 Item 4.13.3. Secondary Schools (SSs) considered as Implementing Units (IUs) shall maintain separate MDS accounts for:

- Regular operating requirements including RLIP and accounts payable;
- TL/RG benefits; and
- Trust Liabilities in accordance with DOF-DBM-COA Joint Circular No. 4-2012 dated September 11, 2012

3.3 Item 4.13.4. The cash requirements for all Non-Implementing Units (Non-IUs) shall be released directly to the MDS Accounts of the SDOs.

3.4 DepEd-ROs and IUs shall then make the necessary steps to close the other MDS Account used for MOOE with their Government Servicing Banks (GSBs).

3.5 In order to maximize flexibility in the use of the available cash allocation, the Common Fund System policy shall be adhered to. Under the said System, the cash allocation balances of agencies under the Regular MDS Account may be used to cover payment of accounts payable after satisfying their regular operating requirements, with priority given to PS, as reflected/considered in their Monthly Disbursement Program (MDP).

4.0 Repealing Clause

Provisions of the DBM-DepEd JC 2004-1 and other issuances that are inconsistent with this JC are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

5.0 Separability Clause

If, for any reason, any part or provision of this JC is declared invalid or unconstitutional, any part or provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

6.0 Effectivity

This JC shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

7.0 Issues for Resolution

Interpretation of the provisions in this JC, including cases not covered herein, shall be referred to DBM and DepEd for a joint resolution.

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