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Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 584, s. 2026

**REMINDER ON COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING POLICIES ON DONATIONS,
SPONSORSHIPS, AND PARTNERSHIPS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division, disseminates the attached Memorandum OASPAEP-2026-078 from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and External Partnerships titled **“Reminder on Compliance with Existing Policies on Donations, Sponsorships, and Partnerships,”** which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Reference: As Stated

Incl: none

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under the following subjects:

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MEMORANDUM

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FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL OTHER CONCERNED**

FROM : 
CILETTE LIBORO CO
Assistant Secretary
Public Affairs and External Partnerships

SUBJECT : **REMINDER ON COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING POLICIES ON
DONATIONS, SPONSORSHIPS, AND PARTNERSHIPS**

DATE : June 4, 2026

In line with the Department of Education's commitment to uphold the welfare, health, safety, and best interests of learners, all Regional Offices are hereby reminded to ensure strict compliance with existing laws, rules, regulations, and Department policies governing the acceptance of donations, sponsorships, and partnerships from private entities and organizations.

Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 24, s. 2016 (Guidelines on Accepting Donations and on Processing Applications for the Availment of Tax Incentives by Private Donor-Partners Supporting the K to 12 Program), all donations and partnerships shall be carefully assessed to ensure that they are consistent with the Department's vision, mission, values, and educational objectives, and do not compromise the integrity of DepEd programs and activities.

Likewise, **DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2016** (Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control), in relation to **Republic Act No. 9211** (Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003) and **Civil Service Commission-Department of Health Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-01** on the Protection of the Bureaucracy Against Tobacco Industry Interference, prohibits the acceptance of gifts, donations, sponsorships, and other forms of support, directly or indirectly, from the tobacco industry, including those coursed through corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, foundations, partner organizations, and other intermediary entities.

In view thereof, all Regional Directors are directed to remind Schools Division Offices and schools within their respective jurisdictions to exercise due diligence in vetting prospective donors, sponsors, and partners, and to ensure that no donation, sponsorship, partnership, or related activity is entered into if it originates from, is funded by, or may reasonably be associated with industries or entities prohibited under existing laws, rules, regulations, and Department policies, including those engaged in tobacco, alcoholic beverages, gambling, and other industries whose products, services, or business interests are inconsistent with the objectives of basic education and learner protection.

All concerned are likewise reminded to avoid engagements that may create the perception of endorsement, partnership, or cooperation with such industries.

Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.

For guidance and compliance.