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Department of Education

REGION II – CAGAYAN VALLEY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF TUGUEGARAO CITY

September 12, 2022

DIVISION MEMORANDUM No. 195, s. 2022

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES ON THE OPERATION OF SCHOOL CANTEEN

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent

CID and SGOD Chiefs

Education Program Supervisors Public School District Supervisors

Personnel of the Health and Nutrition Section

SEPS, SMME

Public Elementary, Junior and Senior High School Heads

All others concerned

- 1. In reference to DepEd Order No. 034 s. 2022 entitled **School Calendar and Activities for School Year 2022-2023**, specifically Part VI Guidelines on the Prevention of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, all public elementary and secondary schools are hereby enjoined to strictly observe the following health and safety measures in the operation of school canteens:
 - a. Availability of alcohol and hand sanitizers in the canteen is mandatory;
 - Canteen managers should ensure the strict observance of physical distancing and sitting arrangement inside the canteen;
 - Eating inside the canteen is allowed provided that social distancing is strictly observed and under a very limited time;
 - d. For proper ventilation, canteen doors and windows should be free from any obstruction, and electric fans should always be available and functional;
 - Reminders on wearing of face mask and the observance of physical distancing should be posted in a conspicuous place inside the canteen;
 - f. There should be functional hand washing areas near the canteens;
 - g. Canteen managers/personnel should see to it that canteens are always clean and all sanitary requirements are observed.
- 2. The operations of school canteens must also be in accordance with the stipulations provided under DepEd Order 08 s. 2007 entitled Revised Implementing Guidelines on the Operations and Management of School Canteen in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, which emphasizes that sanitary permits and medical certificate of canteen cooks and helpers shall be secured;
- 3. Likewise, DepEd Order 13 s. 2017 entitled Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverages Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices which emphasizes that selling of Red Category foods shall not be allowed must be strictly observed;

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- 4. Further, school heads should ensure that water sold in the canteen shall not come from water refilling station.
- All other provisions of DepEd Order 08 s. 2007 and DepEd Order 13 s. 2017 are still enforced and in effect.
- 6. In order to ensure compliance to this memorandum, the Health and Nutrition Section (HNS), together with the School Management Monitoring and Evaluation (SMME) should prepare a monitoring tool and conduct regular monitoring and evaluation of all school canteens.
- 7. For information, dissemination, and strict compliance.

REYNANTE Z. CALIGURAN Schools Division Superintendent

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Encl.: None References: As stated To be indicated in the Perpetual Index Under the following subjects

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