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**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 361, s. 2024

**REITERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM RE SCALING DOWN OF  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN DEPED OFFICES AND SCHOOLS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
CID and SGOD Chiefs  
All District Heads  
School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. This is in reference to the Official Statement from the Office of the Executive Secretary dated November 19, 2024, in which said statement encourages all government agencies to avoid excessive or extravagant celebrations during the Christmas Season. This is ***“in solidary with the millions of our countrymen who continue to grieve over lives, homes, and livelihoods lost during the six typhoons that pummeled us in less than a month.”***
2. In this regard, this Office is instructing all schools to strictly adhere the Official Statement of the Executive Secretary.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO :** ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ALL SCHOOL HEADS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :** *F. Panontongan*  
**Atty. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**  
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff  
Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Secretary

**SUBJECT :** SCALING DOWN OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN DEPED OFFICES AND SCHOOLS

**DATE :** 19 November 2024

This is in reference to the official statement from the Office of the Executive Secretary on November 19, 2024, encouraging all government agencies to avoid excessive or extravagant celebrations during Christmas season. This call is "in solidarity with the millions of our countrymen who continue to grieve over lives, homes and livelihoods lost during the six typhoons that pummeled us in a span of less than a month."

In this regard, all DepEd offices and schools are instructed to scale down their Christmas celebrations, and may utilize the resulting savings as donations for calamity-hit communities. Regional and Division Offices shall ensure compliance with the Presidential Directive, and initiate donation drives for affected areas.

For dissemination and strict compliance.

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