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MEMORANDUM

For : Regional Secretary, DepEd ARMM
All Regional Directors
All Schools Division Superintendents

From : Secretary Jesli A. Lapus

Subject : **NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR PAYMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES**

Inasmuch as the LGUs' Special Education Fund, sourced from a portion of Real Property Tax payments, is an important fund source which could complement DepEd budgetary appropriations from the national government, all Schools Division Superintendents, District Supervisors and School Heads are directed to undertake campaigns to encourage property owners to fully and promptly pay their real property tax obligations. Historically collection efficiency for this tax has been low.

The nationwide campaign should be initiated at the school and community levels, in collaboration with PTCAs, barangay officials and other education stakeholders. It should strive to identify major property owners such as business and industrial establishments, owners of large agricultural lands and homeowners in middle and upper-income subdivisions.

Main messages that need to be conveyed to the public are the following:

1. contribution of education to local and national development
2. resource gaps in education at the local level such as for schoolbuildings, teachers, textbooks and other basic school resources.
3. inadequacy in national government funding for education and how the Special Education Fund can help address resource gaps

DepEd representatives in the Local School Boards (Schools Division Superintendents in Provincial/City School Boards and District Supervisors in Municipal School Boards) should work together with LGU officials in monitoring Real Property Tax collections and preparing the Annual Special Education Fund Budget. They should inform the Local School Boards of the funding priorities identified in School Improvement Plans/Division Education Development Plans and which could be sourced from the Special Education Fund

For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.



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