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THE 2004 METROBANK MTAP-DEPED MATH CHALLENGE

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI), the Mathematics Teachers Association of the Philippines (MTAP) and the Department of Education (DepED) announce the conduct of the 2004 Metrobank-MTAP-DepED Math Challenge from January to March 2004 with the theme "Moving Forward Through Excellence in Mathematics".
2. The overall objective of the competition is to contribute in improving the quality of Mathematics education in the Philippines. Specifically, it aims to:
 - a. awaken greater interest in Mathematics among elementary and high school students in both private and public schools all over the country;
 - b. encourage students to strive for excellence in Mathematics;
 - c. encourage mastery of basic mathematical skills;
 - d. discover mathematical talents among the students; and
 - e. provide students with opportunities in leadership and cooperative undertaking.
3. The elimination and division level competition will be participated in by all elementary school pupils and high school students nationwide. However, only Grade VI pupils and Fourth Year students shall participate in the regional and national levels.
4. The participating parties shall determine expenses from the elimination round to the regional level competition. Private school participants shall make necessary arrangements for their expenses with their school heads. At the national level, the MBFI will finance the transportation expenses, accommodation and meal allowance of the regional winners and coaches.
5. The contest mechanics/guidelines of the competition are contained in the enclosures. Separate guidelines will be issued for the National Capital Region (NCR) competition.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Secretary

Schedule of Activities

1. The Math Challenge shall be conducted in four (4) stages at the following designated venues and schedule:

Stage	Venue	Date
Elimination Rounds at the Division Level (Grades I-VI and 1 st to 4 th Years)	Division/District	January 16-17, 2004 (Elementary and High School)
Division Team Finals (Grades I-VI and 1 st to 4 th Years)	Division	February 13-14, (Elementary and High Schools)
Regional Finals (Individual and Team Grade VI and 4 th Year High School)	Regional Centers	March 6-7, 2004 (Elementary and High School)
National Finals (Individual and Team, Grade VI and 4 th Year)	Metrobank Plaza Auditorium, Makati City	March 26, 2004, (Written Exam for Individual Contestants) March 27, 2004 (Oral Exam for Individual Team Contestants)

2. To qualify, for the national finals, regional winners must meet the “*hurdle rate*”, set by the National Steering Committee. Certificates, medals, trophies, and cash prizes will be provided by MBFL.

3. All participating private schools are required to accomplish the registration form (MMC Form 01), which should be sent directly to the DepEd Division Math Supervisor In-charge on or before December 15, 2003. The number of contestants from the public schools will be communicated to the Division Math Supervisors by the principals concerned, in a manner agreed upon in the Division.

4. The concerned DepEd Division Math Supervisors shall then accomplish the summary of the total number of participating students per grade/year level (MMC Form 2) and submit to MTAP on or before December 19, 2003 through Fax No. (02) 912-5249. Through the supervisor In-Charge, each Division will determine its number of testing centers and indicate the number of students per grade/year per testing center.

5. The awarding ceremony will be on March 27, 2004 immediately after the National Finals at the Metrobank Plaza, Makati City.

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As stated

References: DepED Memorandum: 269, s. 2002

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