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2004 GRADUATION RITES

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
School Superintendents/District Supervisors
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The theme of the 2004 Graduation Rites shall focus on Education for a Strong Republic: Laying a Solid Foundation.
2. In line with the government's austerity program, this Office reiterates the Department's policy on the collection of fees for graduation rites. School heads are reminded to observe the following:
 - a. No non-academic project shall be imposed as a requirement for graduation;
 - b. Public Schools are not allowed to collect any graduation fees or any kind of contribution for graduation rites;
 - c. PTA/PTCA's may solicit voluntary contributions from their members for graduation ceremonies and celebrations. Teachers and principals should not be involved in the collection of these contributions. PTA/PTCA members should be informed about the use of any contribution for graduation;
 - d. No extravagant special attire or extraordinary venue for the ceremonies should be required.
 - e. Contributions for the annual yearbook shall likewise be on a voluntary basis.
3. Strict compliance with this Order is directed.


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