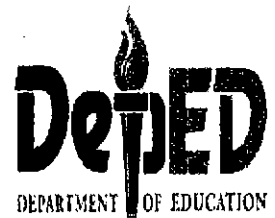




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CLEAN SCHOOLS, CLEAN ELECTIONS
(Special Comelec Regulations for DepED on the 2004 National Elections)

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Elementary and Secondary Schools
Teachers

1. The 2004 National Election merits the highest degree of national discipline. The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) has approved the following special guidelines in order to minimize and prevent any conflict of interest situations from arising that could compromise our teachers' integrity.

2. The Department of Education (DepED), with the concurrence of the (COMELEC) launched a program entitled: "Clean Schools, Clean Elections". The objective of this program is to ensure that our schools and teachers are protected from overt politicking. The program will be in effect for the entire election campaign period starting February 10, 2004 up through the final outcome of the elections at the national and local levels.

3. Specially, the special guidelines state:

- 3.1 All public elementary and secondary schools are "campaign-free" zones. No politician and/or candidate can use the school premises or teachers to hold/stage political rallies or engage in campaigning within school premises.
- 3.2 All public elementary and secondary schools are not authorized common poster areas. COMELEC prohibits the posting of any campaign materials posted on school property including the outer fencing/walls of the school. (Addendum to Section 24, Rules and Regulations Implementing RA 9006)

- 3.2.1 All DepED schools are to prominently post the following signage on school property, especially the outer fencing:

Clean Schools, Clean Elections

***COMELEC bans the posting of
Election materials on school property***

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Clean Schools, Clean Elections

***COMELEC authorizes this school to
Remove all election materials posted
On all school property.***

- 3.3 That during the campaign period, a principal or any teacher can and should remove any election propaganda that is posted or pasted on school property including the outer fencing of the school without violation of the election law. (Addendum to Section 29, Rules and Regulations Implementing RA 9006)
- 3.4 That during the campaign period and up through election day, it is unlawful to distribute any election campaign materials, posters or propaganda (including sample ballots) within the premises of any public school.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all levels is desired and so ordered.

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Reference: None

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To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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