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DECS ORDER
No. 17, s. 1999

ON SIMPLE AND AUSTERE GRADUATION RITES

- To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Divisional Leader High School Principals
District Supervisors
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1. This is to reiterate the Department's policy on simple and austere school activities regarding the holding of inexpensive but meaningful graduation rites. School heads are reminded to observe the following:

- a. Contributions for graduations may be increased to not more than P150.00; however, in private schools, contributions may vary from school to school and may be allowed only in consultation with the PTA.
- b. Graduation exercises must be held in the school grounds and graduation balls, compelling graduating students to participate and contribute excessive amounts are discouraged.
- c. No extravagant special attire should be required and the annual yearbook should likewise be discouraged or be considered non-obligatory.

2. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Order is directed.

Andrew Gonzalez
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Secretary

Reference: DECS Order, No. 23, s. 1998

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