



Republika ng Pilipinas
Department of Education

AUG 16 2023

DepEd O R D E R
No. **023**, s. 2023

**ASSUMPTION OF AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OVER
THE 14 PUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY THE SUPREME
COURT DECISION IN G.R. NO. 235316**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) is mandated to promote every Filipino's right to accessible, equitable, and quality basic education. Consistent with its mandate, DepEd must provide a safe and enabling environment for learners, teachers and personnel.
2. Relative to the Supreme Court's final and executory Decision in the case titled **Municipality of Makati vs. Municipality of Taguig (G.R. No. 235316)**, the Department is cognizant of the increasing tension present in the 14 schools affected by the aforementioned ruling, thereby causing uncertainty as to the peaceful and orderly reopening of schools on August 29, 2023.
3. The subject schools are DepEd schools. Hence, in the pursuit of protecting the best interest and welfare of our learners, teachers, and non-teaching personnel, **the Office of the Secretary shall directly supervise the management and administration of all 14 schools, pending a transition plan, effective immediately.** A list of the subject schools is attached in the Enclosure.
4. For this purpose, a **Transition Committee** is created, composed of the following:
 - a. Regional Director (assigned outside of the National Capital Region)
 - b. DepEd Schools Division Superintendent of Taguig-Pateros
 - c. DepEd Schools Division Superintendent of Makati City
 - d. City Legal Officer of Makati
 - e. City Legal Officer of Taguig

Specifically, the Transition Committee shall undertake the following:

- i. Cause the preparation of a physical inventory of all properties involved;

- ii. Collate transition documents including, but not limited to, a complete list of existing contracts involving the operations of the subject schools; and
- iii. Create a Final Transition Plan.

5. During the transition period, all activities to be conducted within the premises of and/or in relation to the subject public schools, including those from the Local Government Units of Makati and Taguig, shall require prior approval from the Office of the Secretary (OSec).

6. Further, the concerned school heads shall directly report and defer to the Office of the Secretary on matters pertaining to the daily operations of the subject public schools.

7. The Philippine National Police shall ensure the strict implementation of this Order.

8. All existing Orders, Memoranda, and other issuances are repealed, rescinded, or modified accordingly.

9. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.



SARA Z. DUTERTE

*Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines
Secretary of the Department of Education*

Digitally signed
by Duterte Sara
Zimmerman
Date:
2023.08.16
18:30:27 +08'00'



Encl.:
As stated

Reference:
None



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

LEARNERS
OFFICIALS
POLICY
PROGRAMS
SCHOOLS
TEACHERS

(Enclosure to DepEd Order No. **023**, s. 2023)



Fourteen (14) DepEd Schools Affected by G.R. No. 235316

1. Makati Science High School
2. Comembo Elementary School
3. Rizal Elementary School
4. Pembo Elementary School
5. Benigno "Ninoy" S. Aquino High School
6. Tibagan High School
7. Fort Bonifacio Elementary School
8. Fort Bonifacio High School
9. Pitogo Elementary School
10. Pitogo High School
11. Cembo Elementary School
12. East Rembo Elementary School
13. West Rembo Elementary School
14. South Cembo Elementary School