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MAXIMIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF SCHOOLS,  
COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES IN THE NATIONAL REFERENDUM  
FEBRUARY 27, 1975

To The Director of Public Schools,  
The Director of Private Schools,  
The Director of Vocational Education, and  
The Coordinator of State Colleges & Universities:

1. Sec. 4, Art. V of the Constitution of the Philippines makes it an obligation of every citizen qualified to vote to register and cast his vote. In compliance with this constitutional mandate, the schools system assumes a greater portion of the responsibility of insuring the maximum participation of the citizens in the democratic election process to insure that the will of the majority is maintained at all times.

It shall, therefore, be incumbent upon all officials and employees in the General Office as well as in field offices, administrative officials, school heads, supervisors, teachers and other employees in the schools, colleges and universities, public and private, to take an active role in the performance of their duties related to the holding of the national referendum on February 27, 1975.

2. Attention is invited to the following suggestions to maximize the participation of all citizens qualified to vote in the coming national referendum:

- a. Intensive campaign in the classroom to insure that those who may not have previously registered will register on February 22 and 23, 1975.
- b. Avail of facilities in the classrooms or otherwise, to encourage all registered voters to exercise their right and perform their duty to vote on referendum day.

- c. To inform students that services rendered in connection with the February 27 referendum, such as helping voters register or in locating their precincts and similar such activities can be credited as YCSF activity when properly certified.
- d. For teachers to discuss the issues involved in appropriate subject areas such as in Social Studies, Political Science, Philippine Constitution, YDI, GMI, ROTC, etc. to insure intelligent answers to the questions asked in the referendum.

3. Regional Directors, Schools Superintendents and institutional heads who have been designated to help supervise and coordinate activities of the Comelec or to take part in committee work in their respective areas are requested to assume leadership and participate actively to insure an honest and orderly conduct of the referendum.

This Department Memorandum should be given the widest publicity possible.

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