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GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSPENSION OF CLASSES DUE
TO LOCAL ELECTIONS ON JANUARY 18, 1988

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Chief of Service and Heads of Units/Centers,
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. These guidelines are hereby issued in order to allow students, teachers and other school personnel to prepare for and actively participate in the local elections on January 18.
2. Classes at all levels in both public and private schools are hereby suspended on January 15, and from January 19 to 22, including days wherein classes are regularly held during the period in between.
3. The aforementioned suspension of classes has been decided upon to:
 - a. allow teachers to prepare for their poll assignments particularly those that require long travel;
 - b. give sufficient time for the construction of electoral booths in classrooms designated for the purpose; and
 - c. allow students to participate in this electoral activity, so that they will be able to understand the significance of local elections.
4. Makeup classes for the above period may not be required provide that teachers beforehand shall prepare their students for the electoral experience and develop in them awareness and understanding of their responsibilities as citizens. Obviously, the concepts related to this political exercise will have to be made an integral part of the lesson.
5. Schools on the trimestral program and others having special casts, e.g. practicum/internship/off-campus training as a prerequisite for graduation, shall make their own arrangements.

(SGS.) LOURDES R. QUIRIBING
Secretary

Reference:

None

Allotment: 1-2-3-4—(M.O. 1-87)

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