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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS  
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

DECS MEMORANDUM

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MORATORIUM ORDER ON PHASE-OUT OF SECONDARY SCHOOL  
PROGRAMS IN TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

To : Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries  
Regional, Staff Bureau, Center and Service Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents/Vocational School Administrators

1. An order has been jointly issued by DECS and TESDA as Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2, Series of 1997 which declared a moratorium on the phase-out of secondary school programs in technical and vocational schools transferred to TESDA from DECS by virtue of the Special Provisions of the 1997 General Appropriations Act effective 21 April 1997.

2. For this purpose, a TESDA-DECS Transition Task Force has been constituted to work out a comprehensive plan to rationalize the course offerings in each of the 218 technical and vocational schools referred to above. The Transition Task Force in consultation with respective school heads shall review on a school by school basis courses offered, enrollment per course, teachers qualifications and competencies, managerial capabilities, adequacy of equipment and appropriateness of school facilities and instructional materials. It shall especially consider the requirements of the community being served for the continued offering by these schools of secondary education as well as technical and vocational education programs.

3. The guidelines to ensure the smooth implementation of the memorandum of agreement entered into between DECS and TESDA shall be prepared by the Transition Task Force after consulting with the respective management committees of both agencies. In the meantime the above-stated 218 technical and vocational schools shall continue to offer in school year 1997-1998 the same courses for secondary education and for technical and vocational education as were offered in previous school years. There shall be no phase-down of secondary enrollment nor shall there be any refusal to admit new entrants to the secondary school program.

4. For your information and guidance.

  
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Secretary

