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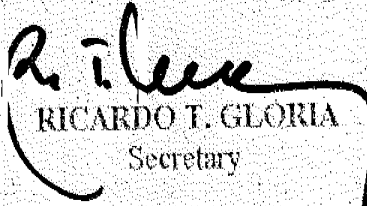
GUIDELINES IN THE DISCHARGE AND EXECUTION OF ELECTION DUTIES

To: Undersecretaries
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Bureau Directors
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1. It has been noted that complaints against school teachers and officials for alleged violation of the Election Code in connection with election duties assigned to them have been filed and/or indorsed by the Commission on Elections to this Office. To mention a few are the alleged "dagdag-bawas cheating system" and "double registration of voters".
2. DECS is aware of the complaints of teachers regarding the meager amount that they received or have not yet received in the form of honorarium, which to them is not even commensurate to the number of hours that they spent before, during, and after the elections but this should not be a reason for teachers to be remiss in the performance of election duties.
3. The efforts and sacrifices of teachers in bringing about clean and honest election is also recognized which calls for commendation from this Office for a job well done.
4. Realizing, however, that teachers play a very important role in the conduct of clean, honest, peaceful election by protecting the sanctity of the ballots so that the true will of the people shall prevail over any form of election fraud, there is a felt need to remind the teachers assigned to election duties to be ever vigilant, committed and, dedicated public servants.

5. In the interest of the public welfare, therefore, teachers are advised to observe strictly for standards of personal conduct in the discharge and execution of their election duties particularly, commitment to public interest, professionalism, justice and sincerity, political neutrality, nationalism and patriotism, and observance of the principle of public accountability at all times.

6. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

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None

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