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2004 METROBANK FOUNDATION SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The Metrobank Foundation, Inc., (MFI) in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepED), announces the launching of the 2004 Search for Outstanding Teachers starting last week of November 2003. Now on its 20th year, the Search has awarded a total of 266 outstanding teachers from public and private schools all over the country.
2. This Search aims to recognize Filipino teachers who devote their lives to the teaching profession through exemplary competence and dedication to the development of the youth and who best serve as models of excellence and morality.
3. The Search is open to all teachers with full-time status and with full load in any of the elementary schools, secondary schools or higher education institutions (colleges/universities). They must have more than five (5) years of actual teaching experience and must have been actively teaching in the Philippines for the last ten (10) years (inclusive of leaves not exceeding two years, provided it is not during the nomination period). The basic educational requirement is bachelor's degree. Performance rating should be at least "Very Satisfactory" for the last five (5) years.
4. Each school is entitled to one nominee for each category and nominees must be officially endorsed by principals, head teachers or school heads who are the only authorized official to nominate teachers to the Search. For DepED schools without principals, the Teacher-in-Charge (TIC) can nominate, but the Schools Division/City Superintendent (SDS) must endorse the nomination. If the nominee is the TIC himself/herself, any of the Education Supervisors I (ES I) can endorse, but the SDS shall be the official nominator.
5. The nominators are required to accomplish and sign the nomination forms with the complete required attachments (one original copy and three (3) photocopies with attached 2x2 colored photos) and submit them directly or send them by registered mail to Metrobank Foundation, 15th Floor, Metrobank Plaza, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, or to any Metrobank or PSBank branches nearest to the nominees school. "Please do not send the supporting documents yet". The deadline for submission of required documents shall be on or before January 26, 2004. Nominations sent by mail should be postmarked on or before the same date.

6. For more information, please address your concern, request for additional forms, questions and suggestions to MFI through tel.nos. 898-8898; 750-0837; telefax: 818-5656 or email at idlabitad@mbfoundation.org.ph. Other details are contained in the Search guidelines together with official Search nomination forms, brochures, and primers which can be obtained from the Metrobank Foundation Office, any Metrobank and PSBank branch, DepED regional and division offices nationwide starting November 2003.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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