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No. 13, s. 1980

SIMPLICITY AND ECONOMY IN SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. In the face of rising prices of prime commodities and consistent with the retrenchment policy of the government, it is advised that this year's commencement exercises in both public and private schools be made as simple and as inexpensive as possible. School authorities and teachers should be instructed to discourage the wearing of costly attire by students during such exercises.
2. Attention is invited to Section 210 of the BPS Service Manual (Fourth Revision, 1960), which prohibits the publication of school annuals.
3. School officials and teachers are reminded to discourage the graduates from holding unnecessary social activities, including graduation dances and parties.
4. School officials and teachers are likewise reminded that no fees and donations should be solicited from students except when their collection is sanctioned by the regulations of the Bureau or has been duly approved by the Minister of Education and Culture. Of late, this Ministry has received many letters from parents and students about contributions proposed by the schools in connection with commencement exercises.
5. Compliance with this Order is desired.

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References: MEC Order: No. 7, s. 1979

BPS Service Manual (Sec. 210, Fourth Revision, 1960)

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