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DECS ORDER  
No. 23, s. 1998


REITERATION ON SIMPLE AND INEXPENSIVE  
GRADUATION RITES

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Divisional Leader High School Principals  
District Supervisors  
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1. Due to the economic difficulties besetting the country today and in line with the Department's policy on simple and austere school activities, all school heads are advised to hold simple, inexpensive but meaningful graduation rites. Attention of school officials is called to observe the following:

- a. No excessive contributions should be charged from graduating students or their parents for elaborate stage decorations, ribbons, snacks, sound system, lights, diplomas, medals and other miscellaneous but non-essential items; and
- b. No excessive special attire should be required, nor graduation balls should be held in five-star hotels or exclusive restaurants compelling graduating students to participate and contribute additional and excessive amounts.

2. Immediate dissemination of this Order is directed.

  
ERLINDA C. PERALTA  
Secretary

Reference: DECS Order No. 21, s. 1996

Allotment: 1-2-3—(D.O. 97-97)

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