



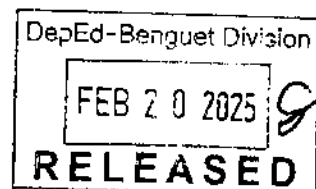
Republic of The Philippines
Department of Education
Cordillera Administrative Region
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BENGUET

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 91, s. 2025

TO: All SDO Personnel
P5DSs and PSDIs
All Public Secondary and Elementary School Personnel
All Others concerned



REFRAINING FROM INVITING POLITICAL PERSONALITIES AS RESOURCE SPEAKERS IN SCHOOLS

1. In light of the upcoming national and local elections, all school heads are hereby reminded to strictly refrain from inviting political personalities, politicians, and/or their representatives to serve as resource speakers in any school-organized event. Additionally, requests from political groups or their affiliates to speak in schools must not be granted.

2. This directive is issued to uphold the non-partisan nature of public educational institutions and to ensure that schools remain a neutral environment free from political influence. Allowing such activities could be interpreted as an endorsement of certain political figures or groups, which are inconsistent with existing laws and regulations. Specifically, the following legal provisions must be observed:

- a) **Article IX-B, Section 2(4) of the 1987 Constitution** – Prohibits civil service officers and employees from engaging in electioneering or partisan political activity.
- b) **Republic Act No. 6713 (Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees)** – Mandates government employees, including educators and school officials, to uphold public trust by maintaining impartiality and political neutrality.
- c) **Republic Act No. 10742 (Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015)** – Reinforces the prohibition of partisan political activities in youth-related organizations within schools.
- d) **Department of Education (DepEd) Order No. 48, s. 2018** – Explicitly states that public schools and their personnel should not be involved in political campaigns, including inviting political figures to school programs.
- e) **Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Omnibus Election Code** – Prohibits the use of government resources, including public school facilities, for partisan political activities.

3. Failure to comply with this directive may result in administrative sanctions and other legal consequences as deemed appropriate. All school heads are expected to exercise vigilance in ensuring that this policy is strictly implemented.

4. For strict compliance.

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