



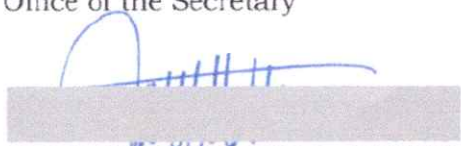
Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureaus and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads and Teachers  
All Others Concerned

**FROM :**   
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Office of the Secretary

  
**ATTY. FILEMON RAY L. JAVIER**  
Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs

**SUBJECT :** REITERATION OF THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY ALL PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WARNING AGAINST UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

**DATE :** August 24, 2026

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| <b>MEMORANDUM</b>                                                        |                                                     | Date: 9/2/2026                                            | Released (Records):  |
| To:                                                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PSDS/DICs       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elem/Sec School Heads |                                                                                                         |
|                                                                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Others:                          |                                                                                                         |
| For:                                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dissemination         |                                                                                                         |
|                                                                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strict Compliance                |                                                                                                         |
| <b>ORLANDO E. MANUEL PhD., CESO V</b><br>Schools Division Superintendent |                                                     |                                                           |                                                                                                         |
| By:                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> ASDS                       | <input type="checkbox"/> CID Chief                        | <input type="checkbox"/> SGOD Chief                                                                     |
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1. On 11 August 2026, this Office issued the Memorandum of even date reminding the personnel of the Department of Education (DepEd) to use their social media responsibly and in accordance with relevant DepEd Orders and issuances. However, despite the issuance of the Memorandum, this Office continues to receive reports of social media posts and content involving DepEd personnel which may not be consistent with professional and ethical standards expected of DepEd personnel.
2. This Office hereby reiterates that **all DepEd personnel are expected to exercise professionalism, prudence, and sound judgment in their use of social media.** They are expected to uphold the highest degree of professionalism and to set a good example to learners and the whole education community. In this regard, DepEd personnel are reminded to desist from committing acts that may tarnish the image of this Department, or worse, adversely impact the views of our learners.
3. While this Office accords its employees their right to freedom of speech, this constitutional guarantee is not absolute. This Office will not hesitate to hold any DepEd personnel administratively liable for unprotected speech, especially those disseminated through social media.
4. Verily, DepEd officials and employees are reminded to exercise their freedom of expression within the bounds of decency and respect to the rights of other individuals



and to desist from doing any act or disseminating statements or posts that may be

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contrary to law, good morals, good customs, public policy, public order, public safety, and public interest.

5. **Without prejudice to the filing of the appropriate criminal or civil cases, any unprofessional conduct shown in an online platform, or otherwise, may subject a DepEd personnel to administrative liability, pursuant to DepEd Order No. 49, s. 2006 otherwise known as the "Revised Rules of Procedure of the Department of Education in Administrative Cases", and the "2025 Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service."**
6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.