DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. __/__, s. 2017

TO: OIC - Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
    Chief Education Supervisors, CID & SGOD
    Education Program Supervisors / Coordinators / District Supervisors
    Public Elementary & Secondary School Heads / OICs
    Administrative Officer
    All Concerned

FROM: Schools Division Superintendent

DATE: August 7, 2017

SUBJECT: UTILIZATION / OBLIGATION OF AVAILABLE ALLOTMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017 AND INSTRUCTION TO CLOSELY MONITOR UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

Attached is DepEd Memorandum No. 125, s. 2017 dated July 24, 2017, on the above-captioned title, contents of which are self-explanatory, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Particular attention is invited to paragraph no. 2.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. 125, s. 2017

UTILIZATION/OBLIGATION OF AVAILABLE ALLOTMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017
AND INSTRUCTION TO CLOSELY MONITOR UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

To: Undersecretaries
   Assistant Secretaries
   Bureau and Service Directors
   Regional Directors
   Schools Division Superintendents
   Division Chiefs and Unit Heads
   Public Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads

1. In view of the President’s directive to ensure obligation of programs, activities
   and projects funded under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 General Appropriations Act
   (GAA) not later than December 31, 2017, heads of all Implementing Units (IUs)
   and Program Managers at the Central Office are hereby instructed to closely monitor
   the obligation and disbursement of their respective funds, fast-track procurement,
   and immediately submit to the corresponding Finance Service/Division, their
   requests to obligate contracts, payments, and reimbursements of incurred
   expenditures. The quality utilization of programmed resources should happen by
   year-end to attain the same-year service delivery goal and improve performance of
   the Department.2

2. All requests for obligations must be submitted on or before December 29,
   2017 to the corresponding Budget Division/Section of the IUs and Program
   Managers. Please be reminded to keep track of the following expenditures, and
   ensure that all documentary requirements are complete and submitted for obligation
   before end of FY 2017:

   a. Salaries/Service Fees, GSIS, PhilHealth, Pag-Ibig and Employees
      Compensation (ECC) Insurance Premium Contributions;
   b. Representation Allowance/Transportation Allowance (RATA) of
      officials;
   c. Monetization of Leave Credits;
   d. Terminal Leave/Retirement Gratuity;
   e. Yearend Bonus, Collective Negotiation Agreements (CNA) Incentives;
   f. Overtime Pay;
   g. Other personnel benefits (loyalty, longevity etc);
   h. Cash allowance and other allowances granted under appropriate
      provisions/programs;
   i. Financial assistance and other subsidies granted under appropriate
      programs;
   j. Travel expenses;
   k. Trainings and related fees;
   l. Monthly utility expenditures such as water and electricity;
   m. Communication expenses such as postage, telephone, cable and
      internet subscriptions;
   n. Security and janitorial services;
o. Rental expenses;
p. Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses (EME);
q. Works, related services and amortizations;
r. Repairs and Maintenance;
s. Goods such as learning packages, computer packages, textbooks and instructional materials, Science and Math equipment, Technology-Vocational-Livelihood (TVL) Equipment, other equipment, as well as related services;
t. Supplies and Materials;
u. Printing and Publication;
v. Taxes, insurance premiums and other fees;
w. Legal, auditing, consultancy services; and
x. All other expenses incurred in the official performance of functions.

3. The Finance Service/Division/Section shall process claims and obligate expenses chargeable to 2016 and 2017 GAA, according to prevailing government rules and regulations, on or before December 29, 2017, which is the last working day of the year.

4. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.

LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Reference:
None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

ALLOTMENT
EXPENSES
FUNDS
PROGRAMS

DM-Utilization Obligation of Available Allotments for CY 2017
0688/July 21, 2017

2 Please refer to the attached Education Programs Delivery Update, Volume 1, Issue 1 (July 2017)
6 MONTHS LEFT FOR DEPED TO DELIVER THE FY 2017 BUDGET

We have six months left before December 31, 2017. This is the date given by President Duterte as deadline in utilizing DepEd’s Php 543.19 Billion 2017 budget.

In his speech during the approval of the 2017 National Budget, President Duterte ordered all agencies to ensure obligation of all programs, activities and projects not later than December 31, 2017.

“True to my commitment to provide genuine and meaningful change, I am placing Section 60, General Provisions, “Availability of Appropriations”, Volume I-B, pages 646647 under conditional implementation and hereby direct all agency heads to ensure obligation of all programs, activities and projects funded under this Act not later than December 31, 2017. Failure to do so might have a devastating effect. This promotes not only good fiscal policy but more importantly, guarantees that public services are given to the people the soonest possible time.” Pres. Rodrigo Duterte

As of this March 2017, DepEd has Php357 B unutilized budget. This comprised of the remaining budget from 2016 amounting to Php25 B, and unutilized budget of 2017 amounting to Php332 B.¹

Majority of DepEd 2017 budget were allotted to our agency’s big ticket programs namely:

1. Provision and Maintenance of Basic Education Facilities
2. Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education
3. Implementation of Redesigned Technical-Vocational High School Program
4. Department of Education Computerization Program
5. Science and Math Equipment
6. Health and Nutrition Services
7. Human Resource Development for teaching, teaching-related, non-teaching and other personnel
8. Textbooks/Instructional Materials (including P100M for Children with special needs)
9. Implementation of the Grant of Cash Allowance, Hardship Pay, Equivalent Records Forms (ERF), Conversion to Master Teacher (MT), Reclassification of Positions and Payment of step increments
10. Implementation of Alternative Learning and Delivery Mode Programs, including requirement of Learning Centers

In helping the Implementing Units deliver their programs, DepEd will be able to utilize its budget and fulfill its mandate to deliver education services to Filipino learners nationwide.

¹ DepEd SACOB, Quarter 1, 2017
In the first three (3) months, DepEd was able to obligate 18.06% of its combined Current and Continuing Funds. This is the highest First Quarter obligation rate attained in the last five (5) years despite significant budget increase.

Eighty-five percent (85%) of obligations were disbursed for this period. Personnel Services (PS) remains the highest contributor for obligations and disbursements.

Major Programs/Projects/Activities (PAPs) contributed Php 11.7 billion obligations for this period against a combined CY2017 Allotment of Php 123.5 billion. Science & Math Equipment had the highest obligation rate at 23% while GASTPE had the biggest allotment at Php 43.4 billion.

A 34% obligation rate was attained by end of May 2017. 90% of these obligations were disbursed for the same period. A total of Php 7.8 billion were downloaded from the Central Office to implementing units as of end of June 2017.

Regional Offices have reached obligation rates ranging from 30% to 46% based on May 2017 flash reports. Region VII posted the highest obligation rate followed by Region I at 46% and 45%, respectively. Region IV-A had the highest allotment followed by Region III, with both regions attaining a 43% obligation rate in a span of five (5) months.

Based on May 31, 2017 Flash Report as of July 05, 2017