



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
Caraga Administrative Region  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF SURIGAO CITY  
Surigao City



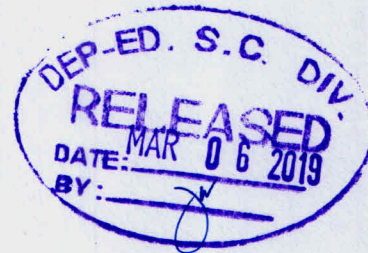
February 28, 2019

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 66 s. 2019

**PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER (EO) NO. 26, S. 2017  
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT IN PUBLIC AND ENCLOSED PLACES**

To: Chief, Schools Governance and Operation Division  
Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Heads of Sections  
Elementary & Secondary School Heads  
This Division



1. For the continuous implementation of DepEd Order No. 48 series of 2016 or the Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control which is anchored on Republic Act No. 6211 or Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003 and Republic Act No. 8749 or the Clean Air Act of 1999, this Division with all its component schools remains strongly and continuously advocating to the "No Tobacco" policy in the Division of Surigao City and all its District Offices and schools.
2. Executive Order No. 26, series of 2017 provides for the non-absolute prohibition on smoking. It clarifies that smoking is prohibited only in enclosed public places and public conveyances. Hence, smoking is still allowed in areas that do not fall under the definition of "enclosed" as contemplated in EO No. 26, such as vacant lots.
3. As provided in the Memorandum from the Office of the Executive Secretary, Salvador C. Medialdea, dated December 5, 2018, Persons-in-Charge may elect to establish open space Designated Smoking Area or DSA ("open space" as defined in EO No. 26 is an area which is a part of a building or conveyance not covered by a roof or similar structure) or indoor DSAs, provided that such DSAs shall be subject to the standards in Section 4 of EO No. 26. Further stated in the aforesaid Memorandum, Persons-in-Charge of public and private places are not prohibited from enforcing stricter measures to ensure a smoke-free environment. They are not compelled to establish DSAs in the buildings or conveyances which they own or manage, if they desire such places to be totally smoke-free. They may even prohibit smoking in the non-enclosed areas of their properties.
4. In implementing the foregoing mandate, all school heads and principals are hereby designated as "Persons-in-Charge" tasked to enforce the law. While they are given the discretion on whether or not to implement a total smoke-free campus policy, it is advised that the same be enforced in order to safeguard the health of the school children and personnel, as well as to discourage its learners from smoking, as it is medically proven to be detrimental to health. In any event, adequate posters/signage should be installed in strategic places of the school premises. Information campaigns and activities such as poster-making, slogan-making and the like are encouraged.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Officer-in-Charge

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Reference: Memorandum from the Office of the Executive Secretary  
Office of the President, December 5, 2018, EO 26, s. 2017 & DO. 48, s. 2016

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