



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

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REGION MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2024-048

INTENSIFYING CANTEEN POLICY IN SCHOOLS AND DEPED OFFICES

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order 8, s 2017 titled **Revised Implementing Guidelines on the Operation and Management of School Canteens in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools** and DepEd Order 13 s. 2017 Policy **Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and DepEd Offices**, this office through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD) strengthens the implementation of canteen policy in Schools and DepEd Offices.
2. The main objective is to provide healthy meals that are expected to contribute to the readiness of the learner and develop healthy eating habits among the youth and the DepEd employees by making available healthy, nutritious, affordable menu choices and setting food standards.
3. Each school shall develop its own healthy menu ensuring that the foods and drinks offered are nutritious, affordable and compliant with the guidelines for approval of the school principal.
4. Furthermore, DO 8, s. 2017 provides:
 - a. Only nutrient-rich foods such as root crops, rice and corn products in native preparation, fruits and vegetables in season and fortified food products shall be sold in the school canteen.
 - b. The sale of carbonated drinks, alcoholic beverages, sugar-based synthetic flavored juices, junk foods and any food product that may be detrimental to the child's health is prohibited.
5. School officials are encouraged to advocate, and work with their local government units in issuing local legislation to limit the marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages within at least 100-meter radius of the school.
6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance to this Memorandum is desired.


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Enclosure: None

Reference: DO 8 s 2007, DO 13 s 2017

Allotment: None

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