

### Department of Education

# REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO SCHOOLS DIVISION OF EL SALVADOR CITY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM No. **098** , s. 2020

## REMINDER TO REFRAIN USING ATM PAYROLL CARDS AS COLLATERAL FOR LOANS OR ENGAGING IN THE ATM SANGLA SCHEME

To: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Chief CID, SGOD
PSDS, Education Program Supervisors
Section Heads
All Public Elementary & Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned
This Division

- The field is hereby informed that the Department took initiatives for the early
  processing and release of the salaries of employees for the months of March
  and April. Further, DepEd is set to refund the loan amortizations deducted
  from the April 2020 payroll and to suspend the deductions for loan payments
  from the May 2020 salary payroll. These measures are taken to ensure that
  employees have additional cash while battling with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. Per DepEd Terms and Conditions for Accreditation under the Automatic Payroll Deduction System (APDS), practice of surrendering ATM cards as collateral for loans is prohibited. Likewise, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) strongly discourages ATM Card pawning as it exposes the borrower to identity theft and unauthorized use of personal data for unlawful activities.
- In consideration of the foregoing, all employees are reminded not to engage in the ATM Sangla scheme. This is to avoid over-indebtedness and ensure that employees receive the additional cash credited to their ATM accounts.
- 4. For information, guidance and compliance.

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Undersecretaries To: Assistant Secretaries Bureau and Service Directors Regional Directors Schools Division Superintendents Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads All Others Concerned

- Pursuant to Section 4 (aa) of the Republic Act No. 11469, otherwise known as the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, and the Implementing Rules and Regulations issued by the Department of Finance effective April 2, 2020, several entities and institutions, both public and private, including the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and Pag-IBIG Fund, have issued their respective guidelines for the implementation of the mandatory grace period or the suspension of payment for loans.
- The GSIS and the Pag-IBIG Fund even granted an expanded relief for a three-month moratorium on loan payments and an extension of the loan terms of their individual borrowers. The DepEd Provident Fund also granted a three-month relief for its borrowers by suspending the collection of payment from April 2020 to June 2020.
- The Department of Education (DepEd) is set to refund the loan amortizations deducted from the April 2020 payroll and the suspension of deductions for loan payments from the May 2020 salary payroll.
- Likewise, DepEd took initiatives for the early processing and release of the salaries of employees for the months of March and April. This is to ensure that employees have additional cash, while battling with the COVID-19 pandemic. These financial reliefs will be reflected in the payroll months of April, May, and June 2020.
- With the additional cash credited to the ATM accounts of the employees, this Department reiterates its advice against the use of their individual ATM Payroll Card as collateral for loans or engaging in the ATM Sangla scheme.
- The practice of surrendering ATM cards as collateral for loans is prohibited by the DepEd Terms and Conditions for Accreditation under the Automatic Payroll Deduction System.
- ATM Card pawning has been noted by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) as a dangerous scheme, for it exposes borrowers to identity theft and unauthorized use of personal data possibly for unlawful activities. Also, BSP finds that this practice unduly promotes overindebtedness.
- For your information and guidance.

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