

Values Orientation in Classroom Education

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Maimpis, San Fernando, Pampanga

Dear Mr. Rosales,

Greetings from VOICE Philippines.

VOICE is a non-sectarian, PCNC-accredited NGO whose advocacy is to inculcate God-based values to the younger, more receptive generation in line with the Constitution (Preamble, Art. II Sect. 13, Art. IV Sect. 3.2) and the Moral Recovery Program of the government. For several years now we have been allowed by DepEd (Regional and Division permissions) to teach supplemental Godly values instruction classes (VICs) at no cost to the government, in around 900 public schools in 17 regions nationwide, including at least 154 schools in NCR, the most congested Region.

We are writing this letter to officially request your kind permission that the trained volunteer teachers from our community partners be allowed to continue teaching VICs in your area using VOICE's values-focused and God-based curriculum, for the following reasons:

- Values education is a very urgent and unquestionable need for the young;
- VOICE curriculum and program had been evaluated by several DepEd regional and division officials with favorable findings and recommendations;
- The VIC classes **strictly** teach values only, not religion, for we adhere to DepEd Order No. 49 s. 2009 which states, "The optional religious instruction and the values education of this Department are separate, different and distinct subjects." Our values curriculum is God-based - in line with our Preamble explicitly mentioning "Almighty God" - to supplement DepEd's "Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao;"
- Our VIC impact survey (2012; NCR, Regions 3 and 4a) showed 92% of parents found improved behavior in their children that 100% of the responding parents and DepEd Principals, Guidance Counselors, Teachers endorsed VIC.
- VIC will only take one slot per week off your values classes or from MAPEH so as not to interrupt your academic program. Your teachers will then be able to rest.

Thank you for considering our request and we look forward to your favorable response.

Giving Values a Voice; Educating the Heart,

Jesus S. Espina, Jr.
National Director

DepEd Region III Referral No. 64 s. 2015

Respectfully referred to the Schools Division Superintendents, enjoining the evaluation of this subject request in accordance with DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2013, "Policy Guidelines on Regulating the Issuance of DepEd Advisories" and Regional Memorandum No. 130, s. 2014 entitled "Issuance of Advisories on Goods and Services".

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ADVISORY No. 59 s. 2015

Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 49 s. 2009

(DECS Order No. 21 s. 2001) this ADVISORY is issued for the information of all concerned

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School Division Superintendent