



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
Schools Division of Cebu Province

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
NO. 190, s. 2020

**REITERATION OF REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 0408, s. 2020
“REMINDERS ON THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF DATA PRIVACY”**

TO: Assistant Superintendents
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Public School District Supervisors
School Heads

1. All Division personnel, both teaching and non-teaching are enjoined to revisit the pertinent provisions of R.A. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 to ensure that various data and information collected are reasonable and used for legitimate purposes.
2. Hence, attached herein is a copy of Regional Memorandum No. 0408, s. 2020 entitled as “Reminders of the Strict Observance of Data Privacy.”
3. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance of this memorandum is directed.

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To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Given the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, this Office recognizes the inflated use of technology, social media, and a lot of online platforms to continue to deliver services to the public. These innovative ways are encouraged to ensure the safety of everyone while catering to their needs, especially our learners. Nevertheless, utmost caution should be observed in the gathering and sharing of data online.

2. Everyone is enjoined to revisit the pertinent provisions of R.A. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 to ensure that various data and information collected are reasonable and used only for legitimate purposes.

3. The use of social media, including but not limited to Facebook, by schools or teachers for important announcements, and in reaching out to parents and learners, while not exactly prohibited, should be used with the observance of strict regulations as follows:

- a. There shall be only one official social media page for schools, which shall be managed by the School Head and the designated IT Coordinator. The page shall be named or styled as:

"OFFICIAL PAGE OF (NAME OF SCHOOL) – DepEd Region 7"

- b. The page shall have as its banner post, a privacy policy statement, as follows:

In accordance with the Department of Education's (DepEd) mandate to protect and promote the right to and access to quality basic education, DepEd collects various data and information, including personal information, from various subjects using different systems.

In the processing of these data and information, DepEd is committed to ensure the free flow of information as required under the Freedom of Information Act (Executive Order No. 2, s. 2016) and to protect and respect the confidentiality and privacy of these data and information as required under the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (Republic Act No. 10173).



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Personal information are collected and processed for legitimate purposes only to facilitate faster delivery of services under the DepEd mandate, and shall be stored and protected in accordance with existing government rules and regulations.

- c. Only important announcements shall be allowed to be posted on the page as managed by the designated IT Coordinator and approved by the School Head.
 - d. Posting of **sensitive personal information** is absolutely prohibited. [See Sec. 13 of RA 10173].
 - e. When personal information is collected and processed, the legitimate purpose or reason for gathering of the same shall be expressly stated.
 - f. Social media groups, threads, and other forums for teacher instruction and class discussions shall be controlled by the teacher and it shall be his or her responsibility to impose house rules and to remind learners of the strict observance of proper language, discipline, and confidentiality in their interactions and sharing of information. Teachers are reminded to be vigilant of the potential prevalence of cyber-bullying in these platforms and to exercise authority and responsibility in managing the same.
4. Division Legal Officers and IT Officers are requested to reorient School Heads and designated IT Coordinators on Data Privacy.
 5. School Heads shall submit to the Schools Division Offices on or before October 05, 2020, the following
 - a. Name and link of their Official School page, with the name of the School Head and the designated IT Coordinators as administrators of the page;
 - b. List of all the social media groups, threads, and forums created by their teachers for the purpose of class instruction and management, with the corresponding names of the teachers who control the same;
 6. For the information of all concerned, wide dissemination of this Memorandum is enjoined.

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