



Department of Education

Region IV-A (CALABARZON)

Division of Cavite
Trece Martires City, Cavite



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM No. 226, s. 2019

PROHIBITING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EXTENSION OFFICES, AND THE DIVISION OFFICE OF CAVITE PROVINCE

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents

Chiefs, CID/SGOD Division Personnel

Public Schools District Supervisors

Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads

All others concerned

- 1. In accordance with the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 (Republic Act No. 9003), all teaching and non-teaching personnel in schools, extension offices, and the division office are hereby directed to prohibit the use of single-use plastic products in school and/or office premises. These pertain to plastic items intended to be used only once before being thrown away, which include grocery bags, polystyrene (Styrofoam) or plastic food packaging, bottles, straws, containers, cups, and cutlery, among others.
- 2. All DepEd Cavite Personnel are directed to bring their own spoon, fork, reusable or organic straws (metal/bamboo straws), and water tumblers in reporting to schools and/or offices as well as in attending to official meetings, trainings and other activities. This move intends to control the volume of plastic waste products and minimize the impact thereof to the environment and the general public's health.
- 3. As office protocol, all technical working teams/organizers must coordinate with food service providers to avoid the use of single-use plastic products during the conduct of events/activities.
- 4. Schools and offices shall organize an internal committee to monitor the compliance to this policy. The Schools Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) shall also monitor the implementation during school and office visitations.
- 5. This Memorandum shall immediately be in effect. Widest dissemination of, and strict compliance to this Memorandum is hereby enjoined.

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