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Republic of the Philippines
Department Of Education
Region XI
Schools Division of Panabo

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

SGOD-2025-0066

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief of the Schools Governance and Operations Division
Chief of the Curriculum Implementation Division
Public Schools District Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
All Senior High School Public and Private School Principal/School
Heads/Administrator
All Concerned

Subject: **JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING**

Date: February 7, 2025

Attached is the Notice of Joint Committee Hearing and the SP Reference No. 25 s. 2025 re: Joint Committee on Civil Society Organizations, and Education, Culture, and Scouting, inviting all assigned personnel for the Senior High School yearbook publication to attend the Joint Committee Hearing on February 12, 2025, at 1:30 pm at the Ground Floor, Conference Room SP Building, J.P. Laurel, Panabo City.

Prior to Joint Committee Hearing, a conference shall be conducted on February 11, 2025 at 2:00 pm at the Division Training Center.

Please be reminded to bring supporting documents and or the school policy regarding the SHS yearbook.

Please be guided accordingly.


JINKY B. FIRMAN PhD, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

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RECORDS SECTION, SDO PANABO CITY
BY 

Enclosed: As stated.
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COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS; EDUCATION, CULTURE & SCOUTING

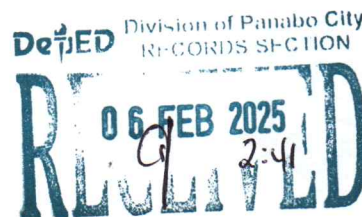
NOTICE OF JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING

25-28132

February 6, 2024

JINKY B. FIRMAN, PHD, CESO IV

*Schools Division Superintendent
This City*



Dear *Sirs/Mesdames*:

Greetings in the name of Public Service!

Please be invited for a **Joint Committee Hearing on February 12, 2025 (Wednesday), 1:30 PM at Ground Floor, Conference Room, SP Building, J.P. Laurel, Panabo City** to discuss on the hereunder stated agendum;

SP Referral No. 25 Series 2025, dated February 04, 2025:

The Privileged Speech of Hon. Dizon P. Namuag, MBA during the 6th Regular Session, regarding the various complaints and concerns from parents and students on the **yearbooks** produced by educational institutions in the City of Panabo.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could send the properly assigned personnel for the yearbook publication of every *Senior High School* and have them bring the school policy regarding the yearbook.

Thank you and God bless!

Very truly yours,

HON. DIZON P. NAMUAG, MBA

Chairperson

Committee on Civil Society Organizations

HON. CHRISTIAN LEANDER M. DUJALI

Chairperson

Committee on Education, Culture & Scouting



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Davao del Norte

CITY OF PANABO

The Sangguniang Panlungsod



February 4, 2025

SP REFERRAL NO : 25
Series : 2025

TO : **JOINT COMMITTEES ON CIVIL SOCIETY
ORGANIZATION; AND EDUCATION, CULTURE &
SCOUTING**

THRU : **HON. DIZON P. NAMUAG, MBA**
Chairperson (*Comm. on CSO*)

HON. CHRISTIAN LEANDER M. DUJALI
Chairperson (*Comm. on Education*)

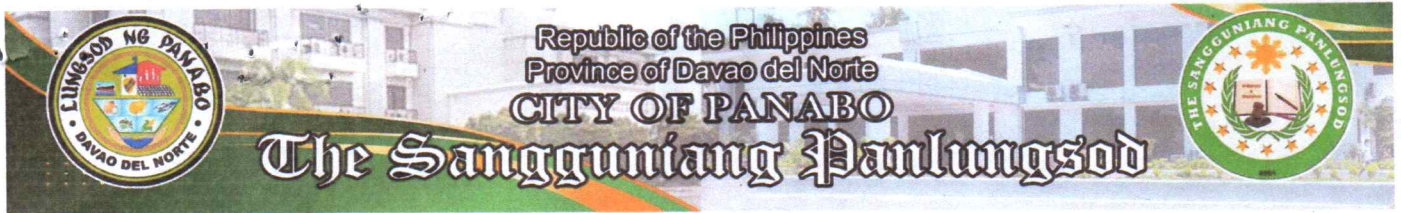
Referring to you, for appropriate action of the committees, in aid of legislation, the Privileged Speech of Hon. Dizon P. Namuag, MBA during the 6th Regular Session, regarding the various complaints and concerns from parents and students on the yearbooks produced by educational institutions in the City of Panabo.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,


LEILA P. SALIGUMBA, DPA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Note: Please refer to electronic data on your computer, dated, January 28, 2025, 5th Regular Session of the Ninth City Council, for the attachments of the said referral.



PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Hon. Dizon P. Namuag, MBA

SP Member, 9th City Council

Presiding Chair, majority floor leader, my distinguished colleagues in this august body, and all the community members present today and watching via *Facebook* live, maayong buntag kanatong tanan!

My concern for today focuses on the yearbooks produced by educational institutions operating here in the City of Panabo. These yearbooks are cherished mementos that commemorate our experiences and milestones during our school years. Let me clarify, this speech is not intended to oppose the distribution of yearbooks. I firmly believe that every graduate should have the right to decide whether or not to avail themselves of this service. However, I have received various complaints and concerns from parents and students that truly piqued my interest, to wit:

1. **Excessive Delay in Yearbook Distribution** – Some educational institutions take more than three years to distribute yearbooks, with some cases experiencing indefinite delays.
2. **High Cost of Yearbooks** – The price of yearbooks in some institutions exceeds Php 3,000.00, making it financially burdensome for students.
3. **Mandatory Yearbook Fees** – Certain institutions make yearbook purchases compulsory by automatically including the cost in students' statements of accounts near graduation, limiting their ability to opt out.

What happens to the payments made by students if the yearbooks are not delivered? Can these students request a refund? Unfortunately, the answer is often no. Once a graduate pays for a yearbook, they are left with no choice but to wait, sometimes indefinitely.

As stated in **Article XIV, Section 2** of the **1987 Philippine Constitution**, the state is mandated to **establish, maintain, and support** a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. Moreover, **CHED Memorandum Order No. 04, Series of 2008, which amends CHED Memorandum Circular No. 04, Series of 2005**, states that *all private and public higher education institutions are urged to refrain from requiring students to pay contributions for the annual yearbook.*

In light of this concern and to thoroughly address the matter, I would like to refer it to the **Committee on Civil Society Organizations**, jointly with the **Committee on Education**, for proper evaluation and recommendations. Additionally, I propose calling upon all **directors, graduating advisers and officers, and student publication representatives from public and private high schools and higher education institutions within Panabo City's jurisdiction** to further discuss this issue through a committee hearing.

Usab, maayong buntag kanatong tanan, Daghang Salamat!

DIZON P. NAMUAG, MBA

City Councilor
Panabo City

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