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Early Childhood Care and Development Council

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FOR Provincial Governors

City and Municipal Mayors

ATTENTION Local Social Welfare and Development Officers

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SUBJECT Guidelines for the End of School Year Program for SY

2024-2025

In line with the upcoming end of school year program, the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council recognizes the importance of local government units in fostering quality education through the implementation of high-quality ECCD programs and services. In line with the upcoming Moving Up Ceremonies, the Council issues the following guidelines:

- 1. All classes for Early Learning Programs in SY 2024-2025 are *recommended to end no later than April 15, 2025*, as previously announced in ECCD Council Advisory No. 7 Series of 2024. End-of-School Year Programs such as *Moving Up Ceremonies are recommended to be conducted from April 21-25, 2025*.
- 2. It is suggested that the theme of the Moving Up ceremonies will be *First Steps Towards a Brighter Future* or *Munting Hakbang Tungo sa Maunlad na Kinabukasan* celebrating children's experiences throughout the year as well as the value of early learning leading towards a brighter future. This ensures that developmentally appropriate practice is considered, reflecting the children's development, interest and needs.
- 3. Certificates of Completion (for children enrolled in the Pre-Kindergarten 2 Program) or Attendance (for children enrolled in the ITED and Pre-Kindergarten 1 Program) shall be issued to all children enrolled.
- 4. Special awards, including the awarding of medals and ribbons, during closing programs are *highly discouraged* and
- 5. The Moving Up ceremonies shall be simple but meaningful. It shall be conducted without excessive spending or extraordinary venues. The attire and all expenses relative to the Moving Up ceremonies shall be discussed and agreed upon amongst all parents and/or guardians. The use of a *toga* is not required.
- 6. Child Development Teachers/Workers (CDT/W) must ensure the conduct of the assessment of children's learning outcomes using tools such as the ECCD Checklist, including interviews with parents and/or guardians if necessary.

7. Year-end conferences, or *Parent-Teacher Conferences are recommended to be conducted from April 28-30, 2025* by the CDT/W with parents and/or caregivers regarding the results of the assessment for the facilitation of registration of all Pre-Kindergarten 2 children entering Kindergarten. *Parents and/or guardians of the child shall be provided the original copy of the ECCD Checklist for enrollment purposes.*

By focusing and prioritizing quality early childhood care and development, the local government can ensure that every child is equipped with skills and knowledge for lifelong learning, ultimately contributing to nation building.

For your information and guidance.

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