CONTINUING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY DURING PANDEMIC

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Transparency and Accountability has been the practice of Department of Education offices and maintaining the financial records during this time of pandemic has created substantial and multiple challenges for the preparers of these reports.

The Covid-19 pandemic has enabled the Department to develop and implement a plan to carry out its duty of providing quality basic education. Along with this is the allotment of funds for its continuity program for the learning resources for the use of the Department and its Teachers in the new normal way of delivering service to the students.

Limited workforce and movement restrictions imposed by the National government for the public health and safety are sited as major setbacks for the procurement of funds and obtaining access of documents. Given the limitations presented, the Office still ensures the fair and honest operations of maximizing the benefits in order to continue students’ learning.

Safeguarding the books, records and supporting schedules of the Office is still the main responsibility of the Finance Department. Securing that the utilization of funds are properly accounted for, and disbursements were used accordingly with supporting documents. Necessary actions required also are verifying the accuracy of the financial data and ensuring timely and reliable reports amidst the uncertainties brought about by the pandemic.

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