NO MORE LATE ON FLAG CEREMONY

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Our Philippine flag is the Filipino's National iconic symbol. This exemplifies independence, tradition and equality for the Philippines. It's imperative, to revisit the history of the flag and remember how heroes fought for our liberation for it represents the passion for country, it should be granted significance because it is a way to respect the contributions of the individuals who have died preserving and protecting our beloved country.

Republic Act No. 8491, better known as the 'An Act prescribing the code of the Philippines national flag, anthem, motto, coat of arms and other heraldic articles and equipment, All government agencies, bureaus and educational establishments shall observe ceremony of flag racing during Monday morning and ceremony of lowering of the flag during Friday afternoon.

Pursuant to R. A no. 8491, DepEd Order 50, series 2015 issued by the Department of Education (DepEd) better known as “Flag Raising and Lowering Ceremonies Observance/Conduct and Proper Series in Formal DepEd Services, Including Singing of the Philippine National Anthem. That is to wipe away uncertainty and conformity during the conduct of Flag Ceremony and other programs that require singing of the Philippine National Anthem. Through the conduct of such would help instill and elevate discipline and patriotism among our learners.

Over the past years, it has been observed that many of our pupils and students were gradually diminishing attending flag ceremonies at school. Key explanation for the late participation of certain students not participating in the flag ceremony is “Tardiness and sun exposure”.
Let us not forget how important flag ceremonies in our schools, remember, Flag Ceremonies should really be given the highest priority because it tends to reflect our love and compassion for the country and is one of the means to appreciate the ultimate sacrifice of the individuals who have died to protect and defend our country. It celebrates our nation's symbol, all its aspirations, desires and the people it protects.

Now that face to face learning is not allowed due to the threat brought about by COVID, and flag ceremonies at school does not take place. There will be no more late comer, coming to school for flag ceremony. But It is imperative for our pupils to always remember it essentiality as Filipinos.

Now that our country is facing many challenges that can promote division among our people, let us not forget that we are under the same Flag. That we must protect the sovereignty we have at present.

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