



**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DepEd)  
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM)  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG)**

**Joint Circular (JC) No. 1, s. 2020**

Date: 27 AUG 2020

To : All Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, School Division Superintendents, Public School District Supervisors and School Heads, Members of the Local School Boards, and Other National and Local Government Officials Concerned

Subject : **ADDENDUM TO DepEd-DBM-DILG JC No. 1, s. 2017 DATED JANUARY 19, 2017, ENTITLED, "REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (SEF)"**

- 1.0 In view of the passage of the *Masustansyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino* Act (Republic Act [RA] No. 11037), and to amplify the policies on the use of the SEF to better support the supplementary budgetary needs of schools and learning centers, the following expenses shall likewise be allowed to be charged against the SEF, in addition to those already authorized under DepEd-DBM-DILG JC No. 1, s. 2017, as may be determined and approved by the Local School Board (LSB):
- 1.1 Funding for the implementation of the National Feeding Program for undernourished children in public day care, kindergarten and elementary schools, particularly for the following purposes:
- 1.1.1 Supplemental Feeding Program for Day Care Children;
  - 1.1.2 School-Based Feeding Program;
  - 1.1.3 Milk Feeding Program;
  - 1.1.4 Micronutrient Supplements;
  - 1.1.5 Health Examination, Vaccination, and Deworming;
  - 1.1.6 *Gulayan sa Paaralan*;
  - 1.1.7 Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH); and
  - 1.1.8 Integrated Nutrition Education, Behavioral Transformation, and Social Mobilization.


1.2 Operations and maintenance of public schools

1.2.1 Payment of compensation/allowances of locally-hired dentists and/or dental aide positions to serve in public elementary and secondary schools; Provided, that the rates of compensation shall be determined by the LSB based on funds available, but not to exceed the salary schedule being implemented by the local government unit concerned; Provided further, that the grant of Magna Carta benefits to said personnel shall be subject to the provisions of DBM-Department of Health (DOH) JC No. 1, s. 2012, as amended by DBM-DOH JC No. 1, s. 2016; Provided finally, that for the purpose of hiring dentists and/or dental aides positions chargeable against the SEF, the LSB in each province, city and municipality shall strictly comply with the existing Civil Service laws, rules and regulations;


1.2.2 Payment of expenses pertaining to the operation of schools, which may include, but not limited to, utilities, communication expenses, scouting activities (jamboree, camping, hiking, outdoor activities, scout trainings, and instructional drills/exercises) of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, programs to promote campus journalism, Parents-Teachers Association activities, Student Council Government Activities, and other extra-curricular activities that promote leadership and values as may be provided under the corresponding DepEd issuances. Such expenses may be included in the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses allocation of schools;

1.2.3 Payment of dental supplies and other related expenses pertaining to the operation of dental facilities in public elementary and secondary schools; and

1.2.4 Establishment of dental facilities and acquisition of apparatus and/or equipment, subject to the prevailing requirements and specifications set by the DepEd, in consultation with the DOH.

2.0 Interpretation of the provisions of this JC shall be referred to the DepEd, DBM, and DILG for joint resolution. 

3.0 All other provisions of DepEd-DBM-DILG JC No. 1, s. 2017 that are not inconsistent with this JC shall remain in full force and effect.


4.0 If, for any reason, any part or provision of this JC is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect. 

5.0 This JC shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

  
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