TO: ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL PERSONNEL IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE

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SUBJECT: DISCOURAGING THE USE OF FACEBOOK MESSENGER, FREE YAHOO ACCOUNTS AND FREE GMAIL ACCOUNTS IN COMMUNICATING PERSONAL AND SENSITIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION

DATE:

1. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 101731, entitled, An Act Protecting Individual Personal Information in Information and Communications Systems in the Government and the Private Sector, creating for this purpose a National Privacy Commission, and for Other Purposes, provides that all sensitive personal information maintained by the government, its agencies and its instrumentalities shall be secured, as far as practicable, with the use of the most appropriate standard recognized by the information and communications technology industry, and as recommended by the Commission.

2. Experts say that free yahoo accounts, free gmail accounts and even Facebook accounts are prone to breach and hacking.

3. In order to maintain confidentiality of all personal information and sensitive personal information, everybody is hereby DISCOURAGED from using their free personal yahoo accounts, free personal gmail accounts and Facebook accounts especially messenger in transmitting,
communicating and accessing personal information and sensitive personal information acquired and/or in possession by virtue of appointment or office.

4. All are ENCOURAGED and ADVISED to use official email account given by the Department of Education in transmitting, communicating and accessing personal information and sensitive personal information acquired and/or in possession by virtue of appointment or office.

5. Strict compliance is hereby enjoined.