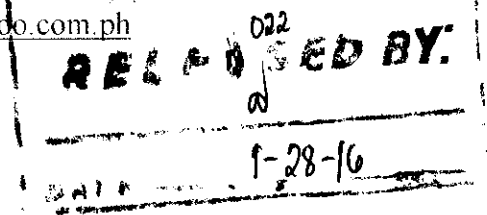
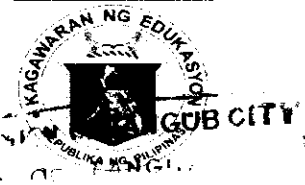


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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**  
No. 21, s. 2016

**TO:** Curriculum and Implementation Division  
School Governance and Operations Division  
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent  
Alternative Learning System (ALS)  
Coordinating Principals  
Principals, Head Teachers, TICs  
Elementary

**From:** VICTORIA V. GAZO, Ph. D., CESO V  
Schools Division Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** ADDENDUM TO DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. 20, S. 2016  
(COMMENCEMENT OF EARLY REGISTRATION FOR SY 2016-2017)

**Date:** January 28, 2016

1. In addition to Division Memorandum No. 20, s. 2016 entitled *Commencement of Early Registration for SY 2016-2017*, this Division issues this memorandum to clarify the provision on the age requirement of Kindergarten which states that only children who are 5 years old by June 1 may be admitted to Kindergarten starting June 2016 and onwards.
2. The Department of Education issues a clarification of this provision and states that age appropriateness of the curriculum will be lost if children who are younger than five years old are admitted to the Kindergarten program. The Kindergarten curriculum is intended to help children who are at least 5 years old to acquire the values, attitudes and competencies that are known to enable successful and beneficial participation in school learning experiences. It is designed on the bases of the prevailing understanding about developmentally appropriate expectations and on how children who are at least five years old learn and develop. As such, the assumptions are drawn from the understanding of children and childhood according to all areas of growth, namely psychomotor, socio-emotional, language, cognitive and spiritual.
3. If children who will turn 5 within the month of June are recommended for admission, then the school head should secure written permission from the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) to admit these children into Kindergarten.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is hereby desired.