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To: SDS
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TO: Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
School Heads

SUBJECT: Interfaith Prayer for the Fallen, for Peace and Unity

DATE: February 2, 2015

Our nation suffered a terrible loss in the recent Mamasapano incident, causing great pain and sorrow in our country. Through these challenging times, we must come together and collectively mourn for our dear departed while staying the course towards peace.

Today, we honored our 44 SAF heroes and remembered all those who perished by observing 44 seconds of silence plus one more second for all other casualties. Many of the fallen are products of our public schools and have family members who are part of DepEd. They are our own. In solidarity with our fallen brothers and sisters and their families, let us unite as one DepEd family and continue to pray in the coming weeks. All offices and schools are encouraged to continue this practice of observing 45 seconds of silence for their personal intentions, followed by this communal *Prayer for the Fallen, for Peace and Unity* in their respective flag ceremonies and gatherings.

Prayer for the Fallen, for Peace and Unity

O God, our Solace and our Consolation, we call on You, in this difficult time, to heal us, to comfort us in our grief. We mourn our fallen brothers and sisters and ask for justice, yet find consolation in knowing their souls find repose in You. We pray for them, and hope they find eternal rest in Your loving arms.

O God of all nations, Source of peace, we pray: grant us peace in our land, for the path to peace is the path to You. May we be always reminded that we are brothers and sisters all; that more than fellowmen, we are family; that the life of each and everyone is sacred. May we always find You in all we meet, in all we see.

We ask this in your name, loving and compassionate God, who is the Creator of all humanity.

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