



April 20, 2015

Parents' Bulletin No. 11

Re: **AAVA Stickers for AY 2015-2016 and Other Updates**

Dear Parents and Guardians of De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ):

This is in response to inquiries from parents and guardians of DLSZ students regarding recent reports that Ayala Alabang Village Association, Inc. (AAVA) will only allocate 800 school stickers to DLSZ. Unfortunately, while the issue is clearly urgent, we are, as of this time, unable to confirm the information. For reasons discussed below, we anticipate that we will provide appropriate instructions on the matter in the latter part of, or after, the enrollment period, which ends on May 7, 2015.

The inquiries appear to have been triggered by a board resolution adopted by the AAVA Board of Governors. *See* attached copy of Board Resolution No. 2015-02-01 (Annex A). While Board Resolution No. 2015-02-01 was purportedly adopted on February 25, 2015, DLSZ has, to date, not received any official communication from AAVA regarding the implementation of that board resolution. We only came to know of Board Resolution No. 2015-02-01 when it was published in a compilation of board resolutions of the Board of Governors of AAVA. The compilation was circulated among AAVA members prior to the 2015 general membership meeting of AAVA on April 12, 2015.

It is not clear how Board Resolution No. 2015-02-01 will be implemented. Its whereas clauses recite the "proposed rates" and "projected quantities" of AAVA stickers for 2015; specifically, the whereas clauses state, among other things, that (i) the projected quantity for DLSZ is "800 pcs for carpooling, 1 pc resident's sticker for DLSZ President and 9 pcs visitor's sticker for DLSZ officers," (ii) the projected quantity for Woodrose is 500 for carpooling, and (iii) the "proposed rate" for school stickers is P3,000.00 per piece. However, while the President of AAVA has verbally confirmed during the April 12, 2015 AAVA general membership meeting that Board Resolution No. 2015-02-01 is "final," the operative part of the resolutions do not expressly state or approve the "projected quantities."

In our desire to discuss outstanding issues relating to traffic management and other relevant issues (including the vagueness of Board Resolution No. 2015-02-01), we have invited the Board of Governors to a private meeting on April 24, 2015. Our further instructions regarding the AAVA sticker issue will be based in part on the outcome of the meeting.

In the meantime, in the interest of keeping the DLSZ community informed of issues relating to AAVA, here is an outline of recent developments:

1. **Traffic Management and Community Relations Plan**. At a gathering on March 7, 2015, the administration of DLSZ presented a proposed traffic management and community relations plan (the Plan), which seeks to address issues relating to student population, traffic congestion, enforcement of traffic and related regulations, air quality and other related issues. After the presentation, a copy of the slides, and a draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) that sets forth terms of the Plan, were presented to an AAVA representative who was present at the gathering. The presentation slides have been uploaded to the DLSZ website and may be accessed at http://www.dlszobel.edu.ph/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/DLSZ.Traffic.and_Community.Relations.Plan-20150307.pdf.

2. **Follow-Up.** We have had opportunities to informally discuss the issues with Messrs. Epifanio Joaquin, Antonio Laurel and Eugene dela Cruz on March 6, 2015. AAVA's counsel received a copy of the draft MOU, and acknowledged receipt thereof as of March 11, 2015 with a message that the MOU will be reviewed and that AAVA's counsel will get back to DLSZ's counsel. DLSZ's counsel has not received feedback to date.
3. **AAVA's Comments.** In the March 14-19, 2015 and March 21-27, 2015 issues of AAVA News, the President of AAVA expressed his views and reservations on the Plan and other issues regarding DLSZ.
4. **Number of Stickers for AY 2015-2016.** At the 2015 general membership meeting of AAVA held on April 12, 2015, the Board presented to AAVA members for ratification board resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors of AAVA, including Board Resolution No. 2015-02-01.
5. **On-going Efforts.** While there are no indications that AAVA will consider engaging DLSZ in discussions regarding details of the Plan and the MOU and other issues, DLSZ continues to focus on pursuing efforts toward addressing the relevant issues and adopting some of AAVA's suggestions.

Specifically, DLSZ (i) hosted on March 21, 2015 a meet-and-greet for potential carpoolers in our earnest desire to encourage carpooling, (ii) is working with various operators to increase their school vans from 60 units in academic year 2014-2015 to 70 units in academic year 2015-2016; and (iii) continues to encourage, and will connect with families throughout the summer and during the enrollment period to help parents and guardians make informed decisions in favor of, carpooling and the use of shuttle buses as means to send our students to school.

In addition, DLSZ has converted the softball field to a temporary parking lot in light of AAVA's cancellation of its lease of the parking lot on University Avenue. The conversion has required DLSZ to rent sports facilities in alternative locations at a cost of P50,000.00 per month.

We understand that this bulletin will raise concerns and cause further anxiety in the community regarding how the school will manage if AAVA will only issue 800 stickers to DLSZ families. While we believe that our efforts to increase the number of carpoolers and school vans will be viewed favorably by AAVA, we are, until discussions with AAVA have taken place, unable to provide any direction or instruction regarding the issuance of stickers and the allocation of 800 stickers.

We hope that AAVA will accept our invitation to the proposed private meeting and engage DLSZ in a discussion of the issues. We encourage those of you who are residents of Ayala Alabang Village or have personal relationships with the leadership of AAVA to urge the Board of Governors to reconsider its position regarding the Plan, the MOU and Board Resolution No. 2015-02-01. For your reference, attached is a copy of the invitation (Annex B).

We will provide further updates as developments occur. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Advancement & Communications Office at 771-DLSZ local 748 or send an email to adcomm@dlszobel.edu.ph.

Yours in St. La Salle,



BR. BERNARD S. OCA FSC
President

ANNEX A

25 FEBRUARY 2015
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board Resolution No. 2015-02-01

“**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee approved the CERD/Admin Budget 2015 subject to the increase in rates and fees of the AAVA’s major services like the 2015 vehicle sticker, venue rental for non-AAVA Bazaars effective in Sept 2015, San Juanico Tennis Court and the Covered “wood floor” courts and San Jose and Basilan, as enumerated below:

Particulars	Current Rate (as of Feb 2015)	Proposed Rate (Based on Approved 2015 Budget)	Projected Quantity (2015)
* 2015 VEHICLE STICKER (Tentative April 2015)			
Visitor’s Sticker Fee	P1,000 / pc	P3,000 / pc	3,750
School Sticker	P1,000 / pc	P3,000 / pc	1,537
- DLSZ			- 800 pcs for carpooling 1 pc resident’s sticker for DLSZ President 9 pcs visitor’s sticker for DLSZ officers
- Woodrose			- 500 carpooling
- Montessori			- 150 carpooling
- TLC			- 77 carpooling
Accredited School Bus	P2,500 / pc	P3,000.00 / pc	70
ACCI Member Sticker	P 500 / pc	P3,000.00 / pc	1,000
* VENUE RENTAL FEE for NON-AAVA BAZAAR (September 2015)			
Lean Season (2 days)	P80,000.00	P90,000.00	5
Peak Season (2 days)	P150,000.00	P170,000.00	4
Exclusive Dates (4 days)	P300,000.00	P340,000.00	1 (St. James)
Plus 3% of gross income from organizers of Bazaars			
* SAN JUANICO TENNIS COURT (Immediate upon approval)			
Light’s Fee (6 PM to 9 PM)	P60.00 / hour / court	P90.00 / hour / court	3 hrs/day
* COVERED “WOOD” COURT – San Jose & Basilan Court (Immediate upon approval)			
Guest Fee	P800.00 / hour	P1,000.00 /hour	Twice a week

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee foresees that unless the above proposals are approved to increase the rates and fees of some major services of AAVA, there will be shortfall in the 2015 Budget that will derail the delivery of security and maintenance services of the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to increase the rates and fees of some major services, as enumerated above, with the following conditions:

1. Rates of vehicle stickers will be increased effective April 2015 onwards.
2. Venue rental fee for non-AAVA bazaars will take effect in September 2015.
3. Rental fee for San Juanico Tennis Court will be increased effective on the date this Resolution is approved and signed.
4. Rental fee for the Covered “wood floor” Courts of San Jose and Basilan will be increased effective on the date this Resolution is approved and signed.

RESOLVED FINALLY, as it is hereby resolved, to task the Management to inform all persons and institutions concerned, publish and implement this Resolution.”

ANNEX B

April 17, 2015

Ayala Alabang Village Association, Inc.
Neighborhood Center
Narra Street
Ayala Alabang Village
Muntinlupa City 1780

Attention: Board of Governors

Dear Governors:

On behalf of the community of students, parents, guardians, faculty, administrators and staff at De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ), we extend our warmest congratulations to Messrs. Antonio C. Laurel, Briccio S. Tamparong, and Epifanio S. Joaquin on being reelected as governors of Ayala Alabang Village Association, Inc. (AAVA) and the following governors on their respective positions:

Epifanio S. Joaquin, President
Antonio C. Laurel, Vice President
Godofredo R. Galindez, Jr., Treasurer

In light of your mandate as duly elected or reelected governors and officers of AAVA, we would like to invite you to a private meeting on April 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., at Pacaya Room, the Palms Country Club.

In the proposed private meeting, we would like to present details of the traffic management and community relations plan (the Plan) that we presented to the community on March 7, 2015 and to discuss other relevant issues. Subject to further input from concerned parties, the Plan seeks to address various issues, e.g., student population, vehicle reduction, air quality, enforcement of traffic and related regulations, carpooling and the use of vans and other modes of mass transportation.

While it is unfortunate that the then incumbent governors were not able to attend due to prior commitments, we presented a copy of the presentation, which is now available online at <http://www.dlszobel.edu.ph/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/DLSZ.Traffic.and.Community.Relations.Plan-20150307.pdf>, and a draft memorandum of understanding (MOU), to AAVA through its security consultant, Mr. Zeke Maribay, who represented AAVA during the March 7, 2015 presentation. Mr. Rimo Rico with Siguion Reyna Montecillo & Ongsiako, AAVA's counsel, also received a copy of the draft MOU on March 11, 2015. The presentation and the draft MOU presented an overview of the Plan and its implementation, and were intended to serve as a starting point for discussions.

The private meeting will also give us an opportunity to follow-up on our informal discussions with Messrs. Epifanio Joaquin, Eugene dela Cruz and Antonio C. Laurel on March 6, 2015. Those discussions were cordial and constructive and we are thankful to Messrs. Joaquin, dela Cruz and Laurel for their time.

While we are aware of certain concerns regarding the Plan and past events and circumstances relating to the management of student population at DLSZ, the resort to legal action, and results of prior initiatives of DLSZ, we remain hopeful that you would give the Plan serious consideration. The Plan is designed to build consensus within the community toward finding effective solutions to the issues and problems at hand.

We also believe that the Plan, which is envisioned to result from a memorandum of agreement among concerned parties, is consistent with the provisions of the Magna Carta for Homeowners and Homeowners Associations (the Magna Carta). The Magna Carta provides that homeowners may regulate

access and passage through subdivision roads upon, among other things, prior consultation and an agreement among concerned parties.

In light of relevant provisions of the Magna Carta, we will also invite to the private meeting not more than three selected representatives from each of the following: (i) Barangay Ayala Alabang, (ii) DLSZ's traffic committee, and (iii) residents of the immediate vicinity of DLSZ. We have also instructed our legal counsel, SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan, to invite Mr. Mario Andres with Siguion Reyna Montecillo & Ongsiako, AAVA's counsel, to join the meeting. By design, the private meeting will have approximately twenty (20) attendees. For your guidance, we will circulate a list of invitees prior to the meeting.

The need for a meeting is urgent, given the preparations that will be required in formulating and implementing the details of the Plan, or implementing other programs that AAVA may propose (such as the limitation on the number of stickers that AAVA will issue to schools), within the proposed timeline for achieving the desired results in terms of vehicle reduction, student population, carpooling, enforcement of traffic and related regulations and other areas of concern.

To confirm your attendance, please contact Jo Polo by telephone at 771 3579 local 103 or by email at poloje@dlszobel.edu.ph. We will also contact AAVA to confirm your availability.

Very truly yours,



Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC
President

cc DLSZ Community