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Re: Updates - AAVA Stickers, Traffic Situation and Other Issues

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This is a report on the outcome of the meeting between Ayala Alabang Village Association, Inc. (AAVA) and De La Salle Santiago Zobel School, Inc. (DLSZ) this morning. During the assembly of parents and guardians held on July 7, 2015, we reported that there will be a meeting between AAVA and DLSZ, where the issuance of AAVA stickers and related issues will be discussed.

We believe that the attendees of the meeting had a common objective of balancing the interests of the students, parents, guardians and school administrators (on the side of DLSZ), and the community leaders, the residents of the immediate vicinity of DLSZ and the residents of Ayala Alabang Village (AAV) (on the side of AAVA).

On that note, the attendees seem to have reached a consensus regarding how the present issues may be addressed. Below is a summary of the discussions. This summary includes guidelines regarding how the DLSZ community will move forward with the sticker policy and related issues based on discussions between AAVA and DLSZ this morning.

1.   **Sticker Applications**. <u>Further to instructions regarding sticker applications that we have circulated, the Carpool Vehicle Application Pass and Sticker Application Forms (AAVA Form) and Sticker Application Information Sheets (along with other supporting documents) (collectively, the "Sticker Application Forms") will be due for submission by the close of business day on July 10, 2015 to Mr. Joneil Dulay, Compliance and Risk Management Officer, at the Old Accounting Office</u>. (If inclement weather will keep the school from operating, the deadline will be extended until July 13, 2015.)   This will allow AAVA to process sticker applications as soon as possible.

2.   **Sticker Application Formalities**. We reiterated to AAVA the parents' and guardians' objections to the AAVA Form, particularly the notarization requirement and the reference to potential criminal liability. While AAVA officers understood the issue, they are also constrained from making changes by the fact that those forms have been distributed and are already being used in other schools in AAV. Thus, as a compromise, AAVA has agreed to assist in having documents notarized; <u>forms submitted to Mr. Dulay need not be notarized</u>. As to the criminal liability referenced in the forms, AAVA will process forms even where exceptions to said criminal liability will be taken by parents and/or guardians on the face of the forms. Mr. Dulay will assist parents in taking exception to said criminal liability. Needless to say, AAVA's flexibility will not affect DLSZ's expectation that the application forms will be filled out truthfully and accurately.

3.   **Number of Stickers**. While DLSZ continues to encourage carpooling, DLSZ explained to AAVA the situations of families who are not part of and/or cannot join carpools and may not be eligible to apply for stickers under other sticker categories. In light of such situations, AAVA and DLSZ agreed that DLSZ will present to AAVA all applications for stickers by next week (i.e., no later than Wednesday). (Thus, it is imperative that parents and guardians submit duly accomplished application forms promptly.) AAVA will then process the sticker applications with the expectation that there may be a need for AAVA to be flexible and understanding in processing sticker applications, particularly in situations where students' well-being is at stake. We have

posited to AAVA that for as long as the volume of vehicles during rush hours remain within manageable levels (i.e., approximately 960 non-resident vehicles), there will be room for flexibility as to number of stickers to be issued.

4. **Traffic Situation**. In light of the positive discussions, AAVA has agreed to allow, in the interim period and until stickers are issued, the following vehicles to enter AAV without requiring the driver to surrender identification documents: (a) duly accredited school vans that bear current DLSZ stickers; and (b) vehicles that (i) bear the AAVA sticker issued last year (i.e., for academic year 2014-2015) and the temporary carpool pass recently issued by the school, and (ii) carry at least three (3) students.

5. **Memorandum of Agreement**. The officers of AAVA expressed the belief that the issues relating to traffic management and the issuance of stickers need not depend on the signing of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between AAVA and DLSZ, even as they did not categorically reject the idea of signing a MOA in the near future. To address the concern regarding arbitrary decisions or policies regarding traffic management having been imposed on DLSZ by AAVA in the past, AAVA agreed to include in minutes of the meeting a commitment on the part of AAVA that it will not impose decisions or policies regarding traffic management without (i) prior consultation with DLSZ that will result in a consensus, and (ii) a reasonably timed notice being given to DLSZ prior to the implementation of such decisions or policies. The language of the minutes will be mutually agreed upon by and between AAVA and DLSZ. On this note, AAVA agreed to consider signing a MOA on an as needed basis in the near future.

6. **Lawsuits**. Since the draft MOA that we presented, which references the possible dismissal of the lawsuit between AAVA and DLSZ, will not (yet) be signed, there is currently no agreement between AAVA and DLSZ regarding the dismissal of the lawsuit between them or the process for having the lawsuit dismissed.

We believe that the foregoing are reasonable approaches to addressing the present issues. We hope that parents and guardians will continue to be patient, cooperative and understanding.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to communicate with DLSZ's Advancement & Communications Office at 771-DLSZ local 748 or adcomm@dlszobel.edu.ph.

Yours in St. La Salle,

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