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(OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY)

August 18, 1997

DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 313, .s. 1997

**CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE ON PRESCHOOL
SERVICE CONTRACTING**

**To: Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs of the Elementary Education Division, DECSRO**

1. **Batas Pambansa 232** defines elementary education as "the first stage of compulsory, formal education primarily concerned with providing basic education and usually corresponding to six or seven grades, including preschool programs." Recognizing the need and importance of preschool education, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports issued policy documents encouraging the public and private sectors to organize preschool classes. However, present statistics show that only a very small percentage of the five-year old population have access to preschool education. Out of 1,914,380 five-year old children in the country, only 500,000 preschoolers are enrolled in the public and private schools.

2. To provide preschool experiences to these children especially in the disadvantaged areas, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, feels the need for an alternative delivery system through Preschool Service Contracting with NGOs, LGUs, Church-Based Preschools and Private Schools to help attain the goals of early childhood development.

3. All regions/divisions have been requested to conduct a survey of 5-year old children who need preschooling but are not accommodated in any school-based preschool, day care center or in any learning institution for SY 1997-1998.

4. A one-day Consultative Conference on Preschool Service Contracting will be conducted on September 12, 1997 at the PPSTA Conference Hall, PPSTA Building, Banaue, Quezon City. The conference aims to finalize the Guidelines on Preschool Service Contracting stipulated in DECS Memo. No. 100 s. 1997.



5. Participants to this Conference are Schools Division Superintendents and EED Chiefs of the Regions. They are requested to bring the following data on preschool which will be used to determine the number of preschool classes to be organized:

- a. number of 5-year olds in the 5th & 6th class municipalities who need preschooling this SY 1997-1998
- b. list of NGOs, Private Schools, Church-Based Preschools and LGUs who are willing to undertake service contracting with DECS

6. The Program of Activities and List of Municipalities are enclosed.

7. Travel expenses of the participants shall be charged to their local funds, subject to its availability and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.


RICARDO T. GLORIA
Secretary


Incls.: As stated

Reference: DECS Memorandum: No. 100, s. 1997

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

CONFERENCES
OFFICIALS
PRESCHOOL EDUCATION

Consultative Conference
on
Preschool Service Contracting

PPSTA Conference Room, September 12, 1997

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

8:00 - 9:30	-	REGISTRATION
9:30 - 10:00	-	Opening Program
10:00 - 10:30	-	COFFEE BREAK
10:30 - 12:00	-	Talk: The State of Preschool Education in the Philippines
		ERLINDA C. PEFIANCO Undersecretary
12:00 - 1:00	-	LUNCH BREAK
1:00 - 2:00	-	Talk: The Proposal Guidelines on Preschool Service Contracting
		LIDINILA M. LUIS-SANTOS Director IV
2:00 - 3:00	-	OPEN FORUM
3:00 - 3:30	-	COFFEE BREAK
3:30 - 4:30	-	Workshop/Small Group Discussion on: - No. of Classes to be organized in the different municipalities - Service Providers/NGOs - Per Pupil Cost
4:30 - 5:00	-	Presentation of the Revised Guidelines