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ESKWELA NG BAYAN

To: **Bureau Directors**
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents

1. Task Force: *Eskwela ng Bayan* (ENB) is a project of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as a component of her poverty alleviation program. ENB also means education for the country's marginalized population. It involves both Government and Non-Government Organizations, particularly the Department of Education, National Broadcasting Network, Philippine Information Agency, University of Santo Tomas and other line agencies. It is funded by the Presidential Management Staff under the Presidential Social Funds.

2. Eskwela ng Bayan aims to:

- provide elementary schools with educational materials in English, Filipino, Math and Science;
- provide education services to remote areas; and
- improve classroom instruction in the core subjects in the remote areas through television and VCD/VHS format

3. For SY 2002-2003, the initial year of the project, a fifteen-minute enrichment video program each for English, Filipino, Science and Mathematics for Grades V and VI will be aired through the National Broadcasting Network, Channel 4, twice a week, from 10:00-11:00 A.M. The Grade V telelessons run on Mondays and Wednesdays, while the Grade VI telelessons run on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

4. For areas not reached by direct broadcasts, the telelessons will be packaged in VHS or VCD format. In more remote areas, the delivery system will be through V-SATs.

5. There will be 60 lessons for Grades V and VI for each of the four tool learning areas. A total of 484 telelessons will be aired. Teachers will be supplied with teachers note's/guides to accompany the telelessons.

6. For the next phases of the program, telelessons will be developed for grades III and IV then for Grades 1 and II. Other key subject areas will be included in the latter part of the project. All the telelessons are based on the Basic Education Curriculum (Elementary Level) being piloted this year.

7. This is an enrichment program and it is not meant to replace teachers, but rather to enhance their subject matter/lessons. All schools are enjoined to watch the programs.

8. This memorandum should be widely and immediately disseminated.

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Reference:
None

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