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NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR  
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (APPES)

To: Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. In pursuit of quality education in public elementary schools, the Department of Education (DepED) through the Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE), has piloted the Accreditation Program for Public Elementary Schools (APPES) in selected schools nationwide for the school year 2002-2003.
2. The APPES is a voluntary evaluation system designed to empower all public elementary schools to strive for excellence through recognition and enlightened self-evaluation based on agreed standards of excellence and incentives. The primary goal of the APPES is to enable the schools to undergo a thorough self-examination of their strengths and weaknesses, and thus, continuously improve their performance.
3. Beginning School Year 2004-2005, the APPES shall be opened to all public elementary schools. APPES materials, containing the guidelines and procedures, will be disseminated to all regions. All public elementary schools are encouraged to submit to APPES accreditation.
4. In line with this, schools that would like to undergo the APPES accreditation can get in touch with their respective regional and/or division offices for copies of APPES materials and compliance with APPES procedures. Likewise, all regional and division offices are enjoined to create accreditation committees at their levels based on the guidelines of the APPES.
5. All inquiries on APPES matters may be directed to the National Accreditation Secretariat c/o Staff Development Division (SDD), Bureau of Elementary Education, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bonifacio Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at tel. no. (02) 632-13-61 loc. 2058 or telefax no. (02) 687-29-48.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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