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**VOLUNTARY PEER ACCREDITATION FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS**

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Secondary Schools

1. The Department of Education (DepED), through the Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE), and the National Association of Public Secondary School Heads, Incorporated (NAPSSHI), in collaboration with the Ford Foundation and University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P), are in the final process of setting up a voluntary accreditation system for public high schools through the Project Sterling Silver (PSS).
2. The project aims to set workable standards and benchmarks for Philippine public high schools and encourage schools to submit themselves to peer accreditation.
3. In the light of these objectives, Project Sterling Silver has conducted twenty one (21) pilot and roll-out runs to test, validate, and fine tune the instrument that will be used for the accreditation proper, as well as, to polish the accreditation process itself. In the process, the project has trained accreditors per region through hands-on accreditation. Additional training shall be conducted to enable those who did not make it in the pilot and roll-out runs and to provide opportunity for more accreditors to undergo hands-on training.
4. Two major activities related to the PSS are to be held in Baguio City. These are the National Conference on The Praxis of Accreditation for School Principals and the National Conference on Home-School-community Relations to be held on November 13-19, 2004 and January 27-30, 2005 respectively. The first conference hopes to create awareness in public high schools regarding the importance and benefits behind peer accreditation. **Public** secondary school heads that were never involved in the pilot runs will be oriented on the nature of peer accreditation, its process, and other necessary information that will contribute to the understanding of the project. The Conference on Home-School-Community Relation aims to orient participants on the roles that each stakeholder plays in the creation of a learning community.
5. Participation in these conferences in different venues shall be by invitation, to be issued by the project team. For each activity, a registration fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (PhP3,500.00) will be charged each participant. The fee and all other expenses incurred thereto may be charged against local funds or against local school board funds.

6. In view of the educational importance of this project to the full realization of excellent schools, this Office strongly encourages attendance to all the abovementioned activities.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

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