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Department of Education



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OPLAN BALIK ESKWELA 2008

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

1. The Department of Education will again implement Oplan Balik Eskwela from May 27 to June 13, 2008 to ensure the smooth opening of classes this coming School Year 2008-2009. Through this project, this Office aims to address the problems that usually mar the start of each school year. In particular, this project aims to ensure that students are properly enrolled and able to attend school by the first day of classes on June 10.

2. The Oplan Balik Eskwela shall include the following components:

- a. **Convergence.** Coordination with other government agencies involved in school opening matters shall again be initiated by the Department. As such, the Oplan Balik Eskwela Inter-Agency Task Force shall be assembled again this year. This Task Force shall include the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of National Defense (DND), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Health (DOH), Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA). Task Force meetings shall be held on May 27, June 5, June 7, and June 10 at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepED Central Office.
- b. **Information Dissemination.** The Department shall provide the public with important information through press releases, media interviews and newspaper advertisements. Also, the DETxt facility shall provide a link between the Department and the general public.
- c. **Information and Action Center.** The Oplan Balik Eskwela Information and Action Center shall be set-up from June 2 to 13 at the DepED Bulwagan ng Karunungan to serve as an information and complaints processing and routing mechanism for the duration of the project. The following agencies are requested to provide representatives to the Action Center.

- Office of the Secretary
 - Communication Unit
 - DETxt Action Center
 - Office of Assistant Secretary for Special Projects and Legislative Liaison
- Bureau of Elementary Education
- Bureau of Secondary Education
- Bureau of Alternative Learning Systems
- Health and Nutrition Center
- National Education Testing and Research Center
- Educational Development Projects Implementing Task Force
- Instructional Materials Council Secretariat
- Administrative Service
 - Property Division
 - General Services Division
- Accounting/Budget Division
- Legal Division
- Research and Statistics Division/OPS
- Physical Facilities and Schools Engineering Division/OPS
- Educational Information Division
- Educational Audio Visual Division
- Information Communication Technology Unit
- Employees Welfare and Benefits Division

3. All offices and units at the Central Office, and all field and school officials are requested to actively participate in Oplan Balik Eskwela and provide the support needed to ensure the success of the project.

4. All Regional Directors and Schools Division Superintendents are hereby directed to designate from among their respective senior staff at least two (2) Action Officers who shall oversee regional and local concerns and coordinate these concerns with the Central Office. Their names should be submitted to the Office of the Undersecretary for Regional Operations on or before May 19, 2008.

5. Expenses that will be incurred for this Project including payment of extra essential incentives to the Central Office staff who will actively serve during the Oplan Balik Eskwela shall be charged against OSEC funds subject to the usual existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Similar incentives and other expenses of regional and field offices shall be charged to local funds.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


JESLI A. LAPUS
 Secretary

Reference: DepED Memorandum: No. 208, s. 2007

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OPLAN BALIK ESKWELA 2008

DEPED'S SCHOOL OPENING PREPARATION PROJECT

OBE RELATED EVENTS & TENTATIVE SCHEDULES

- Inter-Agency Convergence Meeting
May 27
- Price Monitoring of School Supplies
May 30 (in coordination with DTI)
- BRIGADA ESKWELA Week
June 2-7
- Launching of OBE Command Center
June 2
- Opening of Information and Action Centers of all DepEd Regional and Division Offices
June 2
- MMDA and PNP-NCRPO Briefing of DepEd NCR Superintendents
June 5
- Inter-agency Command Conference
June 7
- Opening of classes for School Year 2008-2009
June 10