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WRITESHOP ON BRIGADA ESKWELA PLUS

To: Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Schools

1. After having achieved 100 percent participation rate among public schools in Brigada Eskwela last year, the Adopt-a-School (ASP) Secretariat proposes the stepping-up of Brigada Eskwela to **Brigada Eskwela Plus**, which, in addition to preparing all public schools for school opening, will help address larger concerns such as increasing the participation rate, reducing the drop-out rate, and ensuring that the health and nutrition needs of the pupils are met.
2. BRIGADA PLUS will harness the 44,619 partnerships forged by public schools with their communities and will mobilize them to go beyond cleaning and repairing classrooms and school furniture. It will support other DepED initiatives and the UNESCO-prescribed Education for All (EFA) goals which aim to increase the participation rate, and corollary to this, reduce the drop-out rate. Together with existing DepED initiatives on health and nutrition, Brigada Eskwela Plus will also focus on and support the improvement of the health and nutrition status of public school children.
3. To get inputs from all regions and to form the blueprint that would be the basis for **Brigada Eskwela Plus**, the ASP Secretariat will conduct a writeshop on April 12-15, 2009 at CWC, Naga City, Bicol Region.
4. All ASP Regional Coordinators and Brigada Eskwela Hall of Famers are urged to attend this writeshop. They are also required to bring their laptops during the writeshop.
5. Participants in the writeshop are expected to come up with concrete guidelines, objectives, and develop standardized procedures for the future implementation of Brigada Eskwela Plus. Guidelines for the operationalization of EFA Goals at the community level will also be discussed in the writeshop.
6. The Director of Planning Service and one representative from the Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE), Bureau of Alternative Learning System (BALS), and Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) are advised to participate in the writeshop.
7. Actual transportation expenses of regional representatives, ASP Coordinators, and Brigada Eskwela Hall of Famers will be charged against local funds. Meanwhile, actual transportation allowance of Central Office personnel and other resource persons shall be charged against ASP budget. All expenses related to the conduct of the writeshop (i.e. meals, accommodation, supplies and materials, etc.) shall be charged against ASP funds.

8. Participants may confirm their attendance to the ASP Secretariat not later than April 7, 2009 through facsimile at (02)6388639 or email at asp_secretariat@yahoo.com. or through tel. no.: (02)63-8637.

9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

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None

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