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DepED MEMORANDUM  
No. **168**, s. 2009

IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE 2009 BRIGADA ESKWELA  
OR THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS MAINTENANCE WEEK

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

1. The Department of Education (DepED) sets this year's Brigada Eskwela (BE) or the National Schools Maintenance Week on May 18-22, 2009 in accordance with DepED Order No. 25, s. 2009. The said DepED Order schedules Brigada Eskwela two weeks prior to school opening which is June 1, 2009.

2. Brigada Eskwela is a schools maintenance program nationwide that engages all education stakeholders to contribute their time, effort, and resources in ensuring that all public schools are ready in time for school opening. It is a week-long event where communities, parents, alumni, civic groups, local businesses, non-government organizations, and private individuals including teacher and student volunteers devote their time and skills to do repairs and maintenance work in public schools.

3. Last year, through DepED Order No. 24, s. 2008, the participation rate among public schools reached 100 percent. All 44,619 public schools have contributed to the success of last year's Brigada Eskwela. Savings on maintenance reached Php2.9 Billion, and the peso value of volunteer time was pegged at Php1.6 Billion. The peso value of donations-in-kind from generous donors amounted to Php1.2 Billion.

4. For this year, **all regional offices** are enjoined to hold a caravan or motorcade on May 18, 2009 to mark the first day of Brigada Eskwela or National Schools Maintenance Week.

5. The Brigada Eskwela caravan must go around the major thoroughfares of the city or town where the regional office is located. Local communities, parents, alumni, civic groups, nongovernment organizations and foundations, school heads, teachers and students are advised to join the caravan and actively participate on May 18, 2009.

6. This DepED-wide activity will start at 6:00 a.m. from the regional offices. The final stop of the caravan should be in one public school where an official kick-off ceremony will be done.

7. The specifications for the design of the Brigada Eskwela t-shirt and tarpaulin are enclosed. Funds for purchasing the t-shirts and tarpaulins shall be downloaded to the regional offices, provided they follow the specified design.

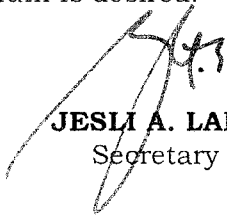
8. Regional and Division Coordinators are instructed to disseminate the Brigada Eskwela Manual. Principals, school heads and teacher-in-charge are likewise instructed to refer to the Brigada Eskwela Manual for implementation. The manual can also be downloaded from the Brigada Eskwela website that is linked to the DepED website at [www.deped.gov.ph](http://www.deped.gov.ph).

9. Regional and division offices are likewise instructed to synchronize the implementation of the School-Based Repair and Maintenance Scheme (SBRMS) with Brigada Eskwela to maximize impact of these two DepED programs. Guidelines on the conduct of SBRMS shall be explained in a separate DepED Order to be issued by the Physical Facilities and Schools Engineering Division (PFSED).

10. Expenses related to the conduct of the activity shall be charged against the Adopt-a-School Program (ASP) funds downloaded from the Central Office.

11. In line with this, all ASP Regional Coordinators are requested to prepare their respective budgets for the activity with complete details on the nature of expenses and justification. Said costing should be submitted to the ASP Secretariat either through facsimile (02) 638-8639 or e-mail at [asp\\_secretariat@yahoo.com](mailto:asp_secretariat@yahoo.com) **not later than April 15, 2009**. Non-submission of budget estimates would mean no subsidy from the ASP Central Office.

12. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**JESLI A. LAPUS**  
Secretary

Encls.: As stated

References: DepED Orders: (No. 25, s. 2009 and No. 24, s. 2008)

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Enclosure No. 1 to DepED Memorandum No. 168, s. 2009



**Brigada Eskwela '09 T-shirt Design**  
Shirt color: Royal Blue  
Style: Round neck, short-sleeved

**Enclosure No. 2 to DepED Memorandum No. 168, s. 2009**

Please use the color specifications below for the following:

1. **BRIGADA** (orange)
2. **ESKWELA** (light orange)
3. **'09** (yellow)

Orange  
CMYK: 0/55/100/0

Yellow  
CMYK: 0/15/73/0



Light Orange  
CMYK: 0/35/100/0

Blue  
CMYK: 100/80/0/2