



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education



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OPLAN BALIK ESKWELA 2009

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

1. The Department of Education (DepED) will again implement Oplan Balik Eskwela from May 18 to June 5, 2009 to ensure the smooth opening of classes this coming School Year 2009-2010. 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 1, 2009.

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 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). Schedules for the Task Force meetings shall be announced on a separate advisory.
- 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 May 25 to June 5 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 offices/units are requested to provide representatives to the Action Center:

- Office of the Secretary
 - Communications Unit
 - DETxt Action Center
- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Projects and Legislative Liaison
- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Programs and Projects
- Bureau of Elementary Education
- Bureau of Secondary Education
- Bureau of Alternative Learning System
- Health and Nutrition Center
- National Education Testing and Research Center
- Educational Development Projects Implementing Task Force
- Instructional Materials Council Secretariat
- Property Division
- General Services Division
- Accounting/Budget Division
- Legal Division
- Planning and Programming Division/OPS
- 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 are requested to actively participate in Oplan Balik Eskwela and provide the support needed to ensure the success of the project.

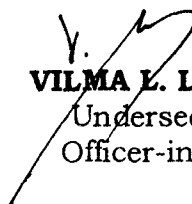
4. All Regional Directors and Schools Division Superintendents are hereby directed to designate from among their respective senior staff at least two (2) Action Officers who shall oversee regional and local concerns and coordinate these concerns with the Central Office. Their names should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary on or before **May 18, 2009**.

5. Likewise, all field and school officials are enjoined to lend their support to this campaign to ensure that all school aged children are enrolled.

6. Expenses that will be incurred for this project including payment for the services rendered by the concerned personnel during the Oplan Balik Eskwela starting May 25 to June 5, 2009, in addition to, or over

and above, their regular workload, shall be charged against OSEC funds subject to the usual existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Expenses of regional and field offices shall be charged to local funds.

7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is directed.


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Officer-in-Charge

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