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ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION
OF BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOLS

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents

1. While it is heartening to note the increasing number of barangay high schools as a response of the local communities to the demand for secondary education, it is saddening to observe, however, that mainly in view of financial constraints, the standard of instruction in certain such schools has suffered as borne out by the results of several national testing programs.

2. To improve quantitative as well as qualitative services at the secondary level, particularly in the barangay high schools, the following additional guidelines for their operation and maintenance are hereby issued effective the school year 1979-1980:

a. While existing regulations prescribe that a minimum number of 40 students shall be sufficient to open the first year class, it is, however, desired for a barangay high school offering the complete secondary course from first to fourth year, to have a total enrolment of not less than 140 in order to ensure its viability, efficient maintenance and operation. Existing barangay high schools with a total enrolment of less than 140 shall show proof that they can maintain the standards in terms of funding, faculty, and facilities.

b. In order to preclude further controversies and irritations among existing high schools operating in the same locality, the provisions of Republic Act No. 6054 regarding the opening of barangay high schools in the poblacion or within a three-kilometer radius of any existing high school, public or private, are hereby reiterated.

c. As regards barangay high schools operating within the poblacion after the promulgation of Republic Act No. 5054, steps shall be taken and efforts should be exerted by the local governments concerned to convert such schools into municipal high schools following the curriculum prescribed under Department Order No. 20, s. 1973.

d. Arrangements should be made to allow two shifts of classes in the elementary school building being utilized by the barangay high school in such a manner that one shift will be for the intermediate classes, Grades V and VI, and the other for the barangay high school classes.

3. Since the national aid is intended to upgrade the salaries of teachers of locally funded high schools, this assistance should not be interpreted to mean that barangay high schools may lower the rate of tuition fees now being charged specially in cases where source of support is primarily tuition fees. Existing barangay high schools charging tuition fees less than P100 may take the necessary step to raise the tuition fees to not less than P100 to ensure adequate operating funds, and, if this cannot be done, the Barangay Council should provide the needed amount to raise the salaries of teachers in accordance with the salary scale prescribed under LEC Memorandum No. 90, s. 1972.

4. In order to further ensure the financial stability of the barangay high school, considering the rates of tuition fees and salaries of teachers prescribed in the preceding paragraph, the Barangay Council responsible for the establishment of the barangay high school should be requested to allot at least 10% of its annual budget to augment funds for maintenance and other operating expenses.

5. Applications for the opening of new barangay high schools and/or additional courses in existing high schools should be accompanied by a feasibility study which shall include, among others, a certification of ownership of the school site, the number of neighboring elementary schools which will serve as feeders, identification of nearby high schools, public or private, and their respective enrollment. Existing barangay high schools without school sites of their own should take immediate steps to acquire a school site.

6. This Order shall be given the widest publicity possible.

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References:

Department Orders: Nos. 11 and (20), s. 1973
MRC Memorandum: (No. 90, s. 1979)

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