



DepED ORDER

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PROMOTING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO AND OPTIMUM UTILIZATION
OF INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES FOR BASIC EDUCATION

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Regional Secretary, DepED ARMM
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. In order to improve access to quality basic education by maximizing the utilization of instructional facilities in schools and ensure equity in the distribution of government resources for basic education, all DepED Regional Offices are advised to implement the following guidelines:

- a. Maximize the utilization of existing classrooms in the private secondary schools through the Education Voucher System;
- b. Rationalize the establishment of new schools by focusing on those communities not being served by any school. All Regional Offices are directed to implement a moratorium on the opening of additional public secondary schools except in the following areas:

b.1 Municipalities without either a public or private high school:

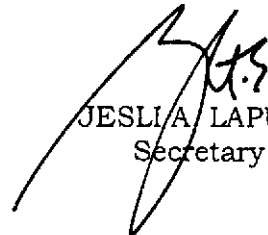
Region	Division	Municipality
I	Ilocos Sur	San Vicente
X	Lanao del Norte	Poona Piagapo
		Tangcal
ARMM	Lanao del Sur	Tagoloan II
Total		4

b.2 Fifteen (15) provinces being covered by SEDIP:

Region	Province
IV-B - MIMAROPA	Romblon
V	Masbate
VI	Antique, Guimaras
VII	Negros Oriental
VIII	Southern Leyte, Leyte, Biliran
IX	Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga Sibugay
XII	North Cotabato
XIII (CARAGA)	Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Sur
CAR	Ifugao, Benguet

c. In municipalities (totaling 536) without private high schools, enrolment increase in public secondary schools shall be addressed through the construction of additional classrooms or through the creation of extension classes in the public elementary schools.

2. Strict compliance with this Order is directed.



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Secretary

Reference: None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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