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DepEd, partner agencies meet for school opening preparations

The Department of Education (DepEd) takes the lead in a convergence meeting with different government agencies and major utilities companies today as part of preparations for school opening under Oplan Balik Eskwela.

This meeting, initiated by Education chief Jesli Lapus, was attended by member agencies of the Oplan Balik Eskwela (OBE) Task Force at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Central Office, Pasig City.

“The support of our partner agencies is critical to the success of this year’s Oplan Balik Eskwela,” Lapus said. “This meeting enables us to coordinate well with our convergence partners to guarantee the smooth opening of classes on June 1.”

Task force members include the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), Department of National Defense (DND), Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services and Administration (PAGASA) and the Philippine National Police (PNP).

The Manila Electric Company (Meralco), Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), Manila Water and Maynilad Water are also tapped to participate in this inter-agency effort.

These agencies will work hand in hand with DepEd in addressing the problems commonly associated with the start of the school year.

“We thank our partners who have been working with us at DepEd to ensure the smooth and orderly conduct of school opening,” Lapus added.

Now on its fifth year, OBE is DepEd’s annual effort to prepare for the opening of the school year.

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