



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education


DepEd MEMORANDUM
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IMPLEMENTING BRIGADA ESKWELA 2012

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) shall conduct the **2012 Brigada Eskwela** known also as the National Schools Maintenance Week on May 21-26, 2012. The Central Office (CO) and the field offices will hold a caravan on May 21 to launch the first day of *Brigada Eskwela*. This activity is a school maintenance program that engages all education stakeholders to contribute their time, effort and resources in ensuring that public school facilities are set in time for the forthcoming school opening.
2. This DepEd-wide activity will begin at 6:00 a.m. with the route of the caravan to begin at the CO for participants based at the DepEd main office and the National Capital Region (NCR), and at the regional offices for participants from the field. The final stop of the caravan should be in a public school where an official kick-off ceremony will be held.
3. All Adopt-a-School Program (ASP) participating partners and other organizations shall coordinate with the ASP Secretariat for proper guidance.
4. For this year, partners are encouraged to support the improvement of toilets and wash facilities as part of the DepEd's effort to strengthen awareness on the importance of hygiene and sanitation among students. Likewise, improving the schools of indigenous communities is encouraged.
5. All DepEd employees are encouraged to join the *Brigada Eskwela* activities by offering their skills or providing their support in-kind to public schools near their residence. Interested employees are given two (2) days to do a volunteer work on **official time**, provided that such work is approved by their head of office.
6. Expenses relative to the conduct of this activity shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 84, s. 2011

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