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DESIGNATION OF DEPED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND PROGRAM SUPPORT AND COORDINATING OFFICE, AND CONSTITUTION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS OF THE BASIC EDUCATION SECTOR TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
All Others Concerned

1. The **Basic Education Sector Transformation (BEST) Program**, a partnership between the Governments of Australia (GOA) and the Philippines (GPH), supports the development needs of the Philippines with the goal of improving equitable access to quality basic education.

2. Specifically, the Program aims to:

- a. improve equitable access to complete basic education;
- b. ensure that the complete basic education is quality education; and
- c. build and sustain an effective, transparent, and engaging governance of education.

3. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the Department of Education (DepEd) jointly manage and oversee the program implementation, through the **Program Steering Committee (PSC)**, with the DepEd Secretary and the Deputy Head of Mission of the Australian Embassy as Rotating Chairs, and the **Program Management Committee (PMC)**.

4. With the new management and direction under the current administration, the indicated DepEd officials are designated as the new members to the following committees:

a. **Program Steering Committee (PSC)**

| Designation | DepEd Representatives |
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| Executive Sponsor | Atty. Nepomuceno A. Malaluan Assistant Secretary and Chief of Staff |
| Deputy/Alternate Executive Sponsor | Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo Assistant Secretary for Project Management Service (PMS) |
| PSC Secretariat | Project Management Division, on the part of DepEd |

The PSC shall have the overall responsibility of providing policy guidance, strategic direction and maintaining strategic oversight of the outcomes of the Program.

b. **Program Management Committee (PMC)**

| Designation | DepEd and Other Agencies |
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| Executive Sponsor | Atty. Nepomuceno A. Malaluan Assistant Secretary and Chief of Staff |
| Deputy/Alternate Executive Sponsor | Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo Assistant Secretary |
| Members (DepEd) | Undersecretary Dina S. Ocampo Curriculum and Instruction Undersecretary Alain Del B. Pascua Administrative Service Undersecretary Jesus L. R. Mateo Planning and Field Operations Regional Directors of Regions V, VI, VII, VIII, X National Capital Region (NCR), and Negros Island Region (NIR) |
| Observers | Implementing Units Director, Bureau of Curriculum and Development Director, Bureau of Learning Delivery Director, Bureau of Learning Resources Director, Bureau of Learner Support Services Director, Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development Director, Finance Service Director, Planning Service Director, National Educators Academy of the Philippines Director, Information and Communication Technology Service Director, External Partnerships Service Director, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service |
| Program Support and Coordinating Office | Project Management Division (PMD), on the part of DepEd |
| Technical Working Group (TWG) Secretariat | |

Guided by the directions set by the PSC, PMC is responsible for operational oversight to ensure effective and efficient delivery of the Program.

5. A **Technical Working Group (TWG)** is hereby constituted for each BEST components, with the indicated DepEd officials designated as Chairpersons:

| BEST Component | Chair/Co-Chair* |
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| TWG for Component 1: Improving Teaching and Learning | Undersecretary Dina S. Ocampo (Chair) |
| TWG for Component 2: Strengthening Systems | Undersecretary Alain Del B. Pascua (Chair) Undersecretary Jesus L.R. Mateo* (Co-Chair) |

The TWGs serve to identify, prioritize, integrate, align, sequence, and synergise all the different proposed activities from the central and regional levels and across partners to ensure that they are complementing each other. The TWGs recommend to the PMC priority projects/ activities for the Program Annual Plans.

6. The Project Management Division of the Project Management Service (PMS-PMD) is designated as **Program Support and Coordinating Office (PSCO)** on the part of DepEd (PSCO-DepEd). The PSCO-DepEd shall work in coordination with the PSCO-BEST counterpart. The PSCO serves as the implementation oversight of operations, monitoring and evaluation of the program. The PSCO-DepEd shall monitor the day to day implementation, operations and delivery of outputs of the sub-components under the main components.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Order is directed.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Reference:

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

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