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OPLAN BALIK ESKWELA 2006

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The Department of Education (DepED) will again implement Oplan Balik Eskwela from May 22 to June 9, 2006 to ensure the smooth opening of classes this coming School Year 2006-2007. Through this project, this Office aims to address the problems that usually mar the start of each school year. In particular, this project aims to ensure that students are properly enrolled and able to attend school by the first day of classes, June 5.

2. Balik Eskwela shall include the following components:

a. **Convergence.** Coordination with other government agencies involved in school opening matters shall again be initiated by this Department. As such, the Oplan Balik Eskwela Inter-Agency Task Force shall be assembled this year. This task force shall include the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of National Defense (DND), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Health (DOH), Philippine National Police (PNP), PAG-ASA and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA). Task Force meetings shall be held on May 22 and 29, and June 1 and 5, at the DepED Bulwagan ng Karunungan.

b. **Information Dissemination.** This Department shall provide the public with important information through press releases, media interviews and newspaper advertisements. Also, the DETxt facility shall provide a link between the Department and the general public.

c. **Action Center.** The Balik Eskwela Information and Action Center shall be set-up from May 22-28 at the Central Office lobby and from May 29 to June 9 at the DepED Bulwagan ng Karunungan to serve as an information and complaints processing and routing mechanism for the duration of the project. The following offices/units are requested to provide representatives to the Action Center:

1. Office of the Secretary
2. Bureau of Elementary Education
3. Bureau of Secondary Education

4. Bureau of Alternative Learning Systems
5. Payroll Services Division
6. Accounting Division
7. Administrative Service Division
8. Planning and Programming Division/OPS
9. Research and Statistics Division/OPS
10. Physical Facilities and Schools Engineering Division/OPS
11. Personnel Division
12. Employees Welfare and Benefits Division
13. Education Information Division
14. Audiovisual Division
15. Health and Nutrition Center
16. National Educators Academy of the Philippines
17. National Education Testing and Research Center
18. Instructional Materials Council Secretariat
19. Educational Development Projects Implementing Task Force
20. Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs
21. DETxT Center
22. DepED Office of Special Concerns
23. Special Events Unit
24. Education Technology Unit

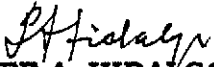
3. All offices and units at the Central Office are requested to actively participate in Oplan Balik Eskwela and provide the support needed to ensure the success of the project.

4. All Regional Directors and Schools Division Superintendents are hereby directed to organize/create their respective Information and Action Center and designate from among their respective senior staff two (2) Action Officers who shall oversee regional and local concerns and coordinate these concerns with the Central Office. Their names should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary on or before May 22, 2006.

5. The project shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Office of the Secretary with Undersecretary Ramon C. Bacani serving as Oplan Balik Eskwela Action Officer.

6. Expenses that will be incurred for this project shall be charged to OSEC funds and to regional/division funds accordingly subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Expenses of regional and field offices shall be charged to local funds.

7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


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 Undersecretary
 Officer-in-Charge

Reference: None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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