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DepED MEMORANDUM

No. **163**, s. 2009

**A CALL TO ALL DEPED EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN BRIGADA ESKWELA 2009
OR THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS MAINTENANCE WEEK**

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 Brigada Eskwela or the National Schools Maintenance Week aims to engage all stakeholders from the community to donate their time, effort, and resources in ensuring that all the public schools are ready for school opening.
2. Last year, through DepED Order 24, s. 2008, the participation rate among public schools reached 100 percent. All 44,619 public schools have contributed to the success of last year's Brigada Eskwela. Savings on maintenance reached PhP2.9 Billion, and the peso value of volunteer time was pegged at PhP1.6 Billion. The peso value of donations-in-kind from generous donors amounted to PhP1.2 Billion.
3. This year (2009), with the cooperation of all DepED regional and division offices, this Office aims to surpass the savings it posted last year and the number of labor hours that contributed to the success of Brigada Eskwela 2008.
4. **All DepED employees are urged to join Brigada Eskwela** by doing active voluntary work in public schools near their residence for the period of May 18-22, 2009.
5. Interested employees may serve for two (2) days and should secure permission from their head of office for the work to be considered conducted **on official time**.
6. A Certificate of Appearance signed by the school principal should be secured by participating DepED employees and should be submitted to their heads of offices and the Personnel Division upon reporting back to their respective offices.
7. Heads of offices are advised to implement proper scheduling among their employees to avoid disruption of regular functions and operations.
8. All Regional Adopt-a-School Program (ASP) Coordinators shall **submit the list of schools that are in dire need of assistance** in terms of construction materials and manpower not later than April 13, 2009 (Monday).
9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

Reference:

DepED Order: (No. 24, s. 2008)

Allotment: 1- -(D.O. 50-97)

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