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**VOLUNTARY PEER ACCREDITATION FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS**

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public Secondary Schools

1. The Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE) and the Philippine Association of Public Secondary School Administrators (PAPSSA), in collaboration with the Ford Foundation and the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P), are in the process of setting up voluntary peer accreditation system for public high schools. Entitled Project Sterling Silver, the undertaking has crafted and pre-tested the self-survey instrument and is now in the process of training peer accreditors from the public high schools and consolidating the operational requirements of the accreditation system.

2. The project aims to:

- a. set workable standards and benchmarks for Philippine Public High Schools; and
- b. encourage schools to submit themselves to peer accreditation towards constant effort at education excellence.

3. The self-survey covers four major areas of school operations:

- a. Culture, Organization and Resources;
- b. Faculty and Instruction;
- c. Student Outcomes; and
- d. Parents and Community.

Incentives are being formulated for the graded degrees of accreditation.

4. Towards this end, Project Sterling Silver has been doing accreditation dry-runs and training accreditors in twenty-one (21) public high schools nationwide in collaboration with the Secondary Education Division of the Regional Offices. This activity will last until December 2003. A series of activities involving the Regional Offices in Luzon have been conducted for the past two years. ↻

5. Major activities related to the subsequent runs are the following:

ACTIVITIES	DATE
a. Executive Session with the Central Office of the Department of Education, the Bureau of Secondary Education, and PAPSSA Board	July 10, 2003
c. Accreditors' Hands-on Training for select peer accreditors in pilot schools from the Regions of Visayas and Mindanao	Last week of the months of July –October, 2003
c. Accreditation Briefing for the Principals of schools to be accredited from the Regions of Visayas and Mindanao, as well as for selected peer accreditors from these two regional clusters	August 7-9, 2003
d. Post-Accreditation Workshop for the Principal, Master Teacher, PTCA representative, student representative, and the apprentice accreditors of the schools from Visayas and Mindanao who shall have undergone accreditation	November 27-30, 2003
e. Culminating National Conference for Strategic Planning, involving some 400 educators (Principals of the 21 pilot schools, apprentice accreditors per region and MAVE Graduates and Students) who shall be involved in project implementation and operation	January 27-30, 2004

4. Except for the Culminating National Conference, no registration fee shall be charged for the above activities. All participants from the public school system invited by the organizing agencies are allowed to attend on **official business**.

5. A registration fee of Three Thousand Pesos (PhP3,000.00) shall be charged each participant to cover board and lodging and all expenses directly related to the conduct of the conference. The fee and all other expenses incurred thereto may be charged against local funds, or with the permission of the school board, against the local school funds.

6. Participation in each of the activities shall be by invitation, to originate from the project team.

7. In view of the educational importance of this project to the full realization of excellent schools, this Office strongly encourages attendance in all its facets.

8. For more inquiries, please contact Dr. Severina M. Villegas or Ms. Fe Gladys B. Golo at tel. nos. 637-0912 local 271, telefax no. (02) 634-28-28.

9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Secretary

Model: voluntary peer  
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Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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

ACCREDITATION

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