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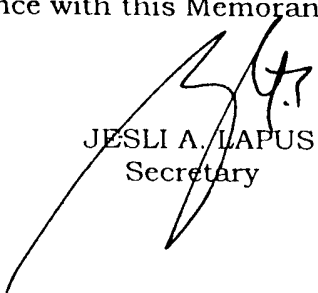
OPLAN BALIK ESKWELA 2007

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 will again implement Oplan Balik Eskwela from May 23 to June 8, 2007 to ensure the smooth opening of classes this coming School Year 2007-2008. 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 4.
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 the 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), Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA). Task Force meetings shall be held on May 18 and 28 and June 1 and 4, at the DepED Bulwagan ng Karunungan.
  - b) **Information Dissemination.** The Department shall provide the public with important information through press releases, media interviews and newspaper advertisements. The DETxt facility shall also provide a link between the Department and the general public.
  - c) **Information and Action Center.** The Balik Eskwela Information and Action Center shall be set-up from May 28 to June 8 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 are requested to provide representatives to the Action Center:

- a. Office of the Secretary
- b. Bureau of Elementary Education
- c. Bureau of Secondary Education
- d. Bureau of Alternative Learning Systems
- e. Health and Nutrition Center
- f. National Education Testing and Research Center
- g. Administrative Service
  - Property Division
  - General Services Division
- h. Research and Statistics Division/OPS
- i. Physical Facilities and Schools Engineering Division/OPS
- j. Education Information Division
- k. Audiovisual Division
- l. Educational Development Projects Implementing Task Force
- m. Legal Division
- n. DETxt Center
- o. Special Events Unit
- p. Information Communication Technology Unit
- q. Center for Students and Co-Curricular Activities
- r. Employees Welfare and Benefits Division
- s. Accounting Division
- t. Instructional Materials Council Secretariat

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 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 Information and Action Center on or before May 9, 2007.
5. Likewise, all field and schools officials are enjoined to lend their support to this campaign to ensure that all school age children are enrolled.
6. Expenses that will be incurred for this project, including payment of extra essential incentives to the Central Office personnel who will actively participate in the Oplan Balik Eskwela shall be charged to OSEC funds subject to usual existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Similar incentives or expenses of regional and field offices shall be charged to local funds.
7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

  
JESLI A. LAPUS  
Secretary

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