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SPECIAL PROGRAM IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
School Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Secondary Schools

1. The Department of Education (DepED), through the Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE), shall implement the Special Program in Foreign Language on a pilot basis starting School Year 2009-2010.
2. The program shall initially offer Spanish as a foreign language in one school per region, at two classes of 35 students each, per school.
3. The Special Program in Foreign Language is for schools whose students have demonstrated competence in English and are capable of learning another foreign language. This program aims to:
 - a. develop students' skills in listening, reading, writing, speaking and viewing as fundamental to acquiring communicative competence in a second foreign language;
 - b. prepare students for meaningful interaction in a linguistically diverse global workplace; and
 - c. develop understanding and appreciation of other people's culture.
4. The pilot schools and their teachers shall be selected by the Regional Office based on the criteria provided in the enclosure. The deadline for submission of the pilot region's school and the two teachers who will handle the Spanish language classes is on December 14, 2008.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

TEODOSIO C. SANGIL, JR.
Undersecretary

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

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Criteria in the Selection of Pilot Schools

1. Public secondary school with the highest MPS in English in the whole region (The classes that shall be organized for the pilot should be those with the highest MPS in English.)
2. Can provide substitute teachers who will take over the classes of the two teachers while on training
3. Availability of classrooms and support facilities and equipment (a computer laboratory with at least ten (10) computers with headsets to support speech lessons)

Criteria in the Selection of Teachers

1. Must at least possess a bachelor's degree in English
2. Has been a permanent teacher for at least 3 years
3. Has a performance rating of very satisfactory (VS) or better
4. Not more than 60 years old
5. Has been certified by a government physician to be physically and mentally fit.
6. Possesses a positive attitude and commitment, willingness and interest to learn a second language
7. Can communicate adequately in English and Filipino
8. Willing to participate in and complete a Certificate Program in teaching Spanish for four months from January to May, 2009
9. Must be willing to finish the Crash course in Spanish