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COORDINATING MECHANISM FOR RESTRUCTURING
THE STERLING SILVER ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education recently installed a Quality Assurance System to ensure delivery of quality basic education. It is a system of processes and tools to be applied so that the desired knowledge, skills, attitudes and values of the students can be attained at some expected level. Further, it is a system that requires coordinated and shared responsibility of all stakeholders of basic schooling to deliberately bring about quality education. The installation was brought about by the introduction of policy reforms embodied in the Basic Education Sector Reform Agenda (BESRA).

2. Accreditation is one of the academic world's way of ensuring high quality educational programs and services. Through the accreditation process, schools are recognized for meeting required quality standards in all areas of their work: academic programs, teacher support, student services and more. In addition, the accreditation system serves as a vehicle towards excellence after schools have fully mature in the implementation of School-Based Management (SBM).

3. The recent developments in BESRA provided the impetus to restructure the Sterling Silver Accreditation System to align it with the approved Quality Assurance and Accountability Framework (QAAF). To realize this, a Sterling Silver Core Group is hereby created to review the current Sterling Silver Accreditation System; recommend changes to improve the Sterling Silver Accreditation System; develop accreditation model for secondary schools; and come up with an Accreditation Manual. The composition of the core group is as follows:

Chair : Undersecretary for Programs and Projects
Vice Chairs : Director, Bureau of Secondary Education
Director, Bureau of Elementary Education

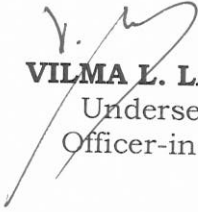
Members : President or Representative of the following:
National Association of Secondary Schools
(public and private) of the Philippines
(NASSPHIL)
League of City of Mayors (representing
local government)
Makati Business Club or PCCI
(representing business)
Synergeia Foundation, Inc. (representing
Civic-Socio Organization)
University of Asia and the Pacific
(representing the academe)
National Federation of Supreme Student
Governments

4. The Core Group shall be assisted by a Technical Secretariat from the Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE) that shall serve as the nerve center for research, communication, coordination and data management.

5. All concerned offices/organizations are requested to submit the name(s) of their representatives and/or permanent alternates with contact details to BSE-Sterling Silver Accreditation Unit at the 5th Floor, Rm. 501, Bonifacio Bldg., DepED Complex, Pasig City with telefax no. (02) 635-9826 or e-mail address: depedsterlingsilver@gmail.com.

6. All concerned should extend all necessary assistance to the Core Group and the Secretariat to help them achieve their purpose.

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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