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Department of Education

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CREATION OF A SPECIAL CONCERNS UNIT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. In the exigency of the service, a **Special Concerns Unit** is hereby created to assist the Assistant Secretary and Chief of Staff in handling special programs and projects assigned by **Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones** which are aligned with her vision and agenda, as well as, the policy directions of the President.

2. The Special Concerns Unit shall be headed by **Demetria L. Manuel, MNSA, Director III** of the Department of Education (DepEd), under the direct supervision of **Atty. Nepomuceno A. Malaluan, Assistant Secretary and Chief of Staff**. The technical and administrative support staff shall be detailed from available and existing personnel within DepEd, and augmented by two Contracts of Service personnel.

3. The Special Concerns Unit started operations on September 1, 2016 with the following functions:

- a. Provide assistance to the Office of the Assistant Secretary and Chief of Staff in handling special programs and projects as assigned by the Secretary;
- b. Provide budget for identified programs and projects for the Unit;
- c. Coordinate with various DepEd officials, staff and stakeholders for collaboration and other pertinent concerns for efficient implementation of the programs and projects;
- d. Conceptualize and develop detailed project plans, as well as monitoring and evaluation mechanism for the programs and projects;
- e. Implement, monitor and evaluate the programs and projects;
- f. Provide information and submit reports to the Assistant Secretary and Chief of Staff; and
- g. Organize meetings in relation to the programs and projects.

4. All necessary expenses relative to the functions of the Unit such as conferences, meetings, board and lodging, traveling expenses, payment of extra essential services and other incidental expenses are chargeable to OSec Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. The Unit is hereby authorized to call on any Unit or Office or person to ensure effective and efficient implementation of the programs and projects assigned by the Secretary.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Reference:

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