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CONVERSION OF CATUMSAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO CATUMSAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL, BARANGAY CATUMSAN, ARTECHE, EASTERN SAMAR

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Regional Office Division Chiefs
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. This Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces that the request for **Conversion of Catumsan Elementary School to Catumsan Integrated School**, Barangay Catumsan, Arteche, Eastern Samar was approved by this Regional Office on February 26, 2020 through administrative fiat pursuant to its expressed authority under Section 5 (B/13) of Chapter 1 of RA No. 9155 (The Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001), after full satisfactory compliance with the requirements prescribed by existing guidelines and policies of the Department.
2. The **Schools Division Superintendent** of the **Division of Eastern Samar** is hereby directed to consider this school in the budget preparation for its eventual inclusion in the immediately succeeding General Appropriations Act (GAA).
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Enclosures: None
References: DepEd Order No. 40,s. 2014
DepEd Order No. 71,s. 2003
DepEd Order No. 91,s. 1999
DepEd Order No. 05,s. 1989

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TITLE : EVALUATION & RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CONVERSION OF CATUMSAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO CATUMSAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL, BARANGAY CATUMSAN, ARTECHE, EASTERN SAMAR

BACKGROUND

Barangay Catumsan is the 3rd largest and progressive barangay in the northeastern part of Arteche, Eastern Samar. The biggest part of the barangay populace depends on farming and few in fishing as means of living. Oftentimes, children from its nearby barangay and from Catumsan itself are the butt of illiteracy because of poverty and absence of secondary school which turns the school-aged learners ages 12-17 into school leavers or eventually drop-out. Result of an informal interview with some students who came from Barangay Catumsan and from its neighboring barangays namely; Aguinaldo, Bigo, Campacion and Tibalawon expressed that some of their schoolmates in their barangay leave or quit schooling because of financial issues like fare, allowances, and boarding house rental which empede their schooling. Some families have only limited income that is only sufficient for day to day needs. In the extent parents get difficulty in supporting their children in sending them to Arteche National High School which is the nearest secondary school. These scenarios impelled parents and other stakeholders to hope for a secondary school to be open in barangay Catumsan.

The said barangay has an existing complete elementary school named Catumsan Elementary School with a land area of 10,000 sq.m. It is located at the highland part of the barangay with nine (9) regular permanent teachers assigned. The Grade 6 completers of the said school need to continue their secondary education in the nearest high school named Arteche National High School (ANHS). Parents have to spend around Two Hundred Pesos



(PhP 200.00) a day for the cost of a round trip fare including the food and other allowances which could hardly be sustained by them especially those who have only limited income. As a result, high percentage of students' absenteeism and dropouts became a burden to the parents and the school. Moreover, due to financial constraints, only limited number of Grade 6 graduates from the above-mentioned Elementary School and its nearby elementary schools have a chance to continue studies in the secondary education.

In view therefore, parents and municipal officials supported by the Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Arteche, Eastern Samar, with the Barangay Officials of Catumsan and its neighboring barangays, namely: Aguinaldo, Campacion, Bigo and Tilabawon expressed their full support for the request of the conversion of Catumsan ES to an Integrated School with the hope that financial burden among parents may be lessen and high participation rate may be assured. The Grade 6 graduates coming from the nearby elementary schools of the said barangays will also be greatly benefited.

Moreover, the Schools Division Superintendent of Eastern Samar Division intensely expressed his support to the proposed conversion of school initiated by the concerned parents and local officials to ensure that all school aged children in the community will have access to basic education and possibly lessen the financial burden of parents in sending their children to school. Thus, conversion of Catumsan Elementary School to Catumsan Integrated School in Barangay Catumsan, Municipality of Arteche, Eastern Samar endorsed by the Division of Eastern Samar to the Regional Office is deemed necessary.

FINDINGS:

1. Catumsan Elementary School has a total land area of 10,000 sq.m. which has enough buildable space for expansion to Junior High School and even for Senior High School. The school site is free from flooding and landslide based on the certification issued by the Mines and Geo Science Bureau.
2. The LGU, through its Sangguniang Bayan Members of Arteche strongly expressed their full support to the school and commit to allocate additional budget for the expansion to the secondary level through a Resolution No. 19-01-aa s. 2019 dated July 8, 2019.

3. The Officials of Barangay Catumsan expressed their full support for the conversion of the said school which is located in their barangay through a Resolution No. 001, s. 2019 dated June 10, 2019.

4. The barangay officials of Catumsan, Aguinaldo, Bigo, Campacion and Tibalawon and the assigned District Supervisor, the Schools Division M & E Coordinator and its EPS II present during the consultative meeting conducted by the DepEd Regional Inspectorate Team also expressed their willingness and full support for the conversion of the school during the Focused Group Discussion (FGD).

5. Catumsan ES has an existing vacant one (1) classroom which needs major repair and two (2) semi-concrete classrooms that can accommodate Grades 7 and 8 learners.

6. The excess learning materials and school furniture from Arteche NHS and the other schools in the District will also be given to the proposed Catumsan Integrated School as per commitment expressed by the assigned District Supervisor.

7. The proposed school will receive support from the Local Government of Arteche while the inclusion of the school in the GAA of DepEd is on process.

8. Schools Division Office of Eastern Samar through its assigned District Supervisor extended support as to the provision of technical assistance for the school management, supervision and other needs especially to teachers.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In view of the foregoing evaluation and findings, the evaluators respectfully recommend that:

1. Catumsan Elementary School shall be converted to an integrated school and shall be named **CATUMSAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL** and is authorized to operate effective School Year 2020 – 2021.

2. The school shall implement K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum.

3. The one (1) vacant classroom should be repaired and be ready for occupancy by the end of January 2020. Same with the two (2) semi-concrete classrooms be enhanced.

4. School operation shall be on a gradual basis. Thus, Curriculum Grades to be offered upon opening of classes for School Year 2020-2021 shall only be Grades 7 and 8 which may progress to the next grade levels in the succeeding years.

5. The school head of Catumsan Elementary School with the assistance of the District Supervisor and the Municipal Engineer shall revisit and redesign the school development plan for use of available buildable spaces in the site in preparation for the construction of buildings for the Junior High School.

6. The LGU, both the Barangay and Municipal levels, and the parents shall provide financial support to the school until such time that operations will be covered by the DepEd Budget.

7. The School Head of Catumsan Elementary School will manage the integrated school provided that the qualification standards shall be satisfied.

8. The Schools Division Superintendent shall provide teachers trained on the K to 12 Curriculum and consider additional regular teachers to this school to complete the number of teachers required to operate the integrated school.

9. The Schools Division Superintendent likewise shall provide school buildings, chairs, textbooks, and other resources to the school.


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