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CONVERSION OF BUENAVISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BUENAVISTA INTEGRATED SCHOOL, BARANGAY BUENAVISTA, BONTOC, SOUTHERN LEYTE

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 Buenavisra Elementary School to Buenavista Integrated School**, Barangay Buenavista, Bontoc, Southern Leyte was approved by this Regional Office on February 27, 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 Southern Leyte** 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 BUENAVISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BUENAVISTA INTEGRATED SCHOOL, BARANGAY BUENAVISTA, BONTOC, SOUTHERN LEYTE

BACKGROUND

Barangay Buenavista is one of the interior barangays of the Municipality of Bontoc, Province of Southern Leyte. It is one of the biggest barangays in terms of land area. It is located in the center of highlander area with four (4) sitios and five (5) neighboring barangays namely: Sitio Katipunan, Sitio Ian-agan, Sitio Kapinjahan, and Sitio Tagaytay while the barangays are identified as: Sampongong, Pamahawan, Catmon, Catuogan and Lanao. The biggest part of the barangay populace depends on agriculture industry as means of living. The said barangay is eight (8) kms away from the town proper of Bontoc and can be reach through any type of vehicle. The distance of the nearest secondary school is three (3) kms away from Buenavista ES. Considering the distance of the said barangay and the nearest secondary school it entails big budget and looking into the life of the families living in the barangay of Buenavista and its neighboring communities, sustainability of learners to finish secondary education is of great challenge. Moreover, this could be worsening during rainy season where students really get wet before they arrived in the school since they mostly take habal-habal motorcycle. With this sense, school-aged learners ages 12-17 have possibilities to be school leavers or eventually drop-out. These scenarios impelled parents and other stakeholders to have a secondary school to be open in barangay Buenavista.



The said barangay has an existing complete elementary school named Buenavista Elementary School with a land area of 8,801 sq.m. It is located within the heart of the barangay. The Grade 6 completers of the said school continue their secondary education in the nearest high school named Bontoc National High School (BNHS). Parents must spend around One Hundred Pesos (PhP 100.00) 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 Bontoc, Southern Leyte with the Barangay Officials of Buenavista and its neighboring communities, namely: namely: Sitio Katipunan, Sitio Ian-agan, Sitio Kapinjahan, and Sitio Tagaytay while the barangays are identified as: Sampongong, Pamahawan, Catmon, Catuogan and Lanao expressed their full support for the request of the conversion of Buenavista 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 Southern Leyte 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 learners 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 Buenavista Elementary School to Buenavista Integrated School in Barangay Buenavista, Municipality of Bontoc, Southern Leyte endorsed by the Division of Southern Leyte to the Regional Office is deemed necessary.

FINDINGS:

1. Buenavista Elementary School has a total land area of 8,801 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 GeoSciences Bureau.
2. The LGU, through its Sangguniang Bayan Members of the Municipality of Bontoc 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. 051 s. 2019 dated July 29, 2019.
3. The Officials of Barangay Buenavista expressed their full support for the conversion of the said school which is located in their barangay through a Resolution No. 001, s. 2020 dated January 6, 2020.
4. The barangay officials of Buenavista, Sampongon, Pamahawan, Catmon, Catuogan and Lanao and the assigned District Supervisor and the Schools Division M & E 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. Buenavista ES has an existing two (2) vacant classroom that can accommodate Grades 7 and 8 learners.
6. The excess learning materials and school furniture from Bontoc NHS and the other schools in the District will also be given to the proposed Buenavista Integrated School as per commitment expressed by the assigned District Supervisor.
7. The proposed school will receive support from the Local Government of Bontoc while the inclusion of the school in the GAA of DepEd is on process.
8. Schools Division Office of Southern Leyte 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. Buenavista Elementary School shall be converted to an integrated school and shall be named **BUENAVISTA INTEGRATED SCHOOL** and is authorized to operate effective School Year 2020 – 2021.
2. The school shall implement K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum.
3. 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.
4. The school head of Buenavista 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.
5. 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.
6. The School Head of Buenavista Elementary School will manage the integrated school provided that the qualification standards shall be satisfied.
7. 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.
8. The Schools Division Superintendent likewise shall provide school buildings, chairs, textbooks, and other resources to the school.


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