



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

February 8, 2021

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **173**, s. 2021

**ESTABLISHMENT OF PAULINO M. COVACHA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,  
BRGY.DANAOG, MACARTHUR, LEYTE**

To: Schools Divisions Superintendents  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces that the request for establishment of **Paulino M. Covacha National High School**, Brgy. Danao, MacArthur, Leyte, was approved by this Regional Office on February 8, 2021 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 **DepEd Division of Leyte** where the school is located is hereby directed to consider this school in 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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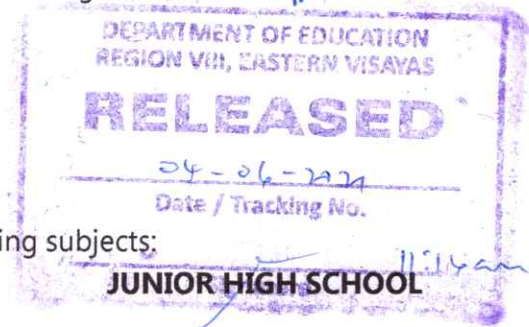
Enclosures: None  
References: DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2014  
DepEd Order No. 71, s. 2003  
DECS Order No. 88, s. 1997  
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**DATE** : **February 8, 2021**

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## **BACKGROUND**

In consonance with Article XIV section I of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, which states that, "The state shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all". The Department of Education is vested with authority, accountability and responsibility for ensuring access in promoting equity and improving the Quality Basic Education.

Republic Act 9155 for this purpose ensures that schools and learning centers receive the kind of focused attention they deserve and kind of educational programs, projects and services they need taking into account the interest of all members of the community.

In view thereof, there is a necessity to establish a public secondary school in MacArthur, Leyte at Barangay Danao. This establishment will face the four-headed challenge of getting all school-age children in school and keeping them until they graduate, providing with quality basic education, taking actions to out of school youth who have already left behind. In different ways, such establishment is contributory in an attempt to uplift the situations of the communities.

Barangay Danao is one of the fur flung barangay in the western part of municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, having a distance of six point one (6.1) kilometers away from two public secondary schools of the town. Majority of its populace belong to the low-income families relying much on paid labor. The transportation mode in going to school is by means of motorcycle or motorpot. Learners who have not allowance for fare, they come to school by means of walking.

However, with the high transportation rate in going to the public secondary schools hinder them in attaining their education. Thus, the creation of another public secondary school is essential to address such issue and bringing the school nearer to the learners with a long desire of parents, learners, Brgy. Officials and nearby barangays.

The Barangay Council of Brgy. Danao donated a parcel of land for the proposed public secondary school to make accessible to all learners, which is located at Bgy. Danao, MacArthur, Leyte under the Tax Declaration No. 08-24009-00330 with a lot area of FOUR



THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN square meters (4,413 sqm.) and Tax Declaration No. 08-24009-00331 with a lot area of TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE square meters (2,475sqm.) to the Department of Education last September 19, 2019 at MacArthur, Leyte, Philippines.

The Municipality of MacArthur strongly support the desire of their constituents and signed the Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education last July 10, 2019 , that they shall provide funds to proposed public secondary school for construction of the new buildings, procurement of educational facilities, furniture and instructional materials. And operation maintenance for the last five (5) years or until such time when funds for the purpose are incorporated in the national budget and salaries of teaching and non-teaching personnel preferably at par with national salary rates.

Thus, establishment of **PAULINO M. COVACHA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL** is being endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent of Leyte Division to the Regional Office for appropriate action.

**FINDINGS:**

1. The proposed school site has one house owned by Mr. Anatalio Regoños which is subject for ejection;
2. It has private individual donated one (1) desktop for learning instruction;
3. The proposed secondary school is the extension campus of MacArthur National High School- Danao started last July 2017 with Grade 7 classes;
4. It is located in flat terrain bordered on the northeast by an irrigation canal which presently caters from Grades 7 to 9 classes with a total of one hundred fifty eight (158) enrollees;
5. There are five regular permanent teachers with plantilla item from MacArthur National High School and currently teaching different subject areas;
6. It has three (3) existing temporary learning center occupied by Grade 7 and two sections of Grade 8 classes.
7. The proposed public secondary school needs learning facilities and resources.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

In view of the foregoing validation, the team respectfully recommends that:

1. The recommendation from Mines and Geosciences Bureau shall be considered in constructing school buildings and other learning structures;
2. The Schools Division Superintendent shall spearhead the implementation of school's education curriculum;
3. The Schools Division Superintendent shall work for funding of school's operation;
4. The Schools Division Superintendent shall request for the creation of teaching and non-teaching personnel;
5. The Schools Division Superintendent shall ensure the appointment of School Head who possess the necessary qualification to manage the school; and

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6. The Schools Division Superintendent shall monitor the operation of **PAULINO M. COVACHA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**.

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