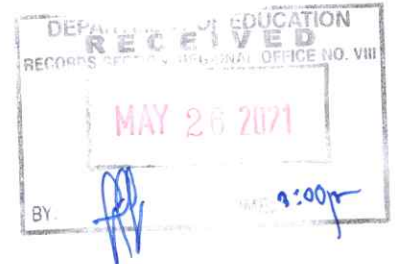




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MEMORANDUM
24 May 2021

For: **Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister**
Schools Division Superintendents
School Heads
All Others Concerned

Subject: **BACK TO SCHOOL: LET A MILLION FLOWERS BLOOM PROJECT**

The Office of the Undersecretary of Administration (OUA), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services – Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD) will launch the “Let a Million Flowers Bloom” project for School Year (SY) 2021-2022 to uplift the spirit of learners, parents, and teachers, as well as to show gratitude and appreciation to teachers for all the hard work they have showed amidst the COVID-19 pandemic to continue the delivery of quality education to learners.

With today’s high-tech and fast-paced lifestyle taking its daily toll on everyone’s lives, experts advise exercise and other personal lifestyle changes to relieve stress. Nature provides us with a simple way to improve emotional health, especially flowers. The presence of flowers triggers happy emotions, heightens feelings of life satisfaction, and affects social behavior in a positive manner far beyond what is normally believed.

Through this project, the BLSS-YFD encourages all schools located along highways to plant flowering plants and let them bloom in time for the opening of classes for SY 2021-2022. Each school through the leadership of the Youth for Environment in Schools-Organization (YES-O) teacher-advisers and/or the School Inside a Garden (SIGA) coordinators shall conduct the following activities:

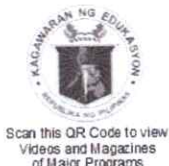
1. Designate a minimum of 10 square meters land area in front and/or by the side of the school and must be visible to the public. If the school has no available land area, the school can use alternative recycled materials like plastic bottles and sacks for planting the flowers.
2. Plant sunflowers or any flowering plants available within the area of the school. Philippine native plants are recommended, such as kamuning, katmon, gumamela, etc.



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3. The school shall plant the saplings 1-2 months or earlier in time for the flowers to bloom on the opening of classes.
4. The school may seek partnership from their respective Local Government Units (LGUs), private sector, and even the parents/guardians of their learners for the said activity.
5. The expenses to be incurred shall be charged against the local funds/school MOOE in accordance with existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. The activity shall be performed in accordance with the local health protocols set in place in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.
7. The YES-O teacher-adviser or SIGA coordinator are requested to document the whole duration of the project and post these on their official school Facebook page or group using the hashtags #DepEdProjectMillionFlowers and #depedkabataan2021. Photos should also be posted on the “BLSS-YFD – School in a Garden” Channel of the “OUA School Photos” Microsoft Team.

For immediate dissemination and compliance.


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