



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

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **000497**, s. 2021

CONDUCT OF OPLAN BALIK ESKWELA REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

To: OIC – Office of the Assistant Regional Director
Regional Office Chiefs
Schools Division Superintendents
School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education Regional Office VIII (Eastern Visayas) is one with the entire nation in its effort to provide basic quality education despite the health crisis the country is facing.
2. As the entire Department prepares for the opening of classes for the School Year 2021-2022 on September 13, 2021, this Office together with its 13 Schools Division Offices, has laid its Enhanced Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP) to ensure that education will still continue even in times of COVID-19.
3. Relative thereto, the **Oplan Balik Eskwela Interagency Convergence and Press Conference** shall be held on **September 6, 2021, 2:00 p.m. via Google Meet**. The **Virtual Regional School Opening Program** shall be conducted on **September 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m. via Department of Education Region VIII Facebook Page**. The activities shall highlight the initiatives of the Regional Office, Schools Division Offices, and Schools in ensuring effective delivery of quality basic education amidst pandemic.
4. The participants to the said events are Regional Office Personnel, Schools Division Office employees, School Heads, and teachers. To ensure strict compliance with the Interagency Task Force and Department of Health protocols, all activities shall be done virtually.
5. Each Schools Division Office (SDO) shall invite 1 media partner to participate in the OBE Interagency and Press Conference on September 6, 2021. The SDOs are also required to submit a 3-minute advocacy video featuring the SDO's/Schools' readiness for the opening of classes and a 3-minute video commitment message of a chosen Icon of Partnership which will be



included in the Virtual Regional School Opening Program. The videos shall be submitted to pau.region8@deped.gov.ph on or before September 6, 2021.

6. All Schools Division Offices are enjoined to conduct similar or related activities for the school opening. They are also required to set-up their **Oplan Balik Eskwela-Public Assistance Command Center (OBE-PACC)** and **OBE Task Force** to respond to queries, issues, and concerns relative to the school opening. The **Division OBE-PACC Task Force** with their hotlines (numbers, official emails, official Facebook pages) must be submitted to pau.region8@deped.gov.ph.

7. The Schools Division Offices are also required to input all the queries, issues, and concerns in the OBE-PACC system. A daily summary report must be submitted to the Policy Planning, Research Division through pprd.region8@deped.gov.ph before 5pm.

8. All expenses incurred relative to the conduct of these activities shall be charged to local funds subject the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

9. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this memorandum are desired.


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Enclosures: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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