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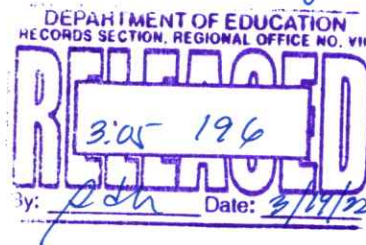
**CONVERSION OF LAO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO
LAO INTEGRATED SCHOOL, ORMOC CITY**

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

1. This Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces that the request for **Conversion of Lao Elementary School to Lao Integrated School**, Ormoc City, was approved by this Regional Office on February 28, 2022 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 Ormoc City** 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. 91, s. 1999
DECS Order No. 5, s. 1989



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TITLE : **EVALUATION REPORT & RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CONVERSION OF LAO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO LAO INTEGRATED SCHOOL, ORMOC, CITY**

BACKGROUND

As stipulated in Article XIV Section 1 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 the kind of educational programs, projects and services they need taking into account the interest of all members of the community, thus San Isidro Elementary School has been converted into an integrated school. Compelling grounds such as; school immensely helps the surrounding community to easily access quality education; and improve service delivery and efficiency, made the conversion a success.

Providing quality education has always been the main goal of the Department of Education. Sadly, this is oftentimes a hard to reach goal because of many challenges focused by the department. One of these challenges is providing learners with a favorable learning environment where they can develop full potentials. A favorable learning environment is characterized by enough physical space where learners can move freely and comfortably, a supportive team of education and stakeholders that would boost the learners' intellectual, social, and emotional growth.

Lao Elementary School is located about 12 km. away from the heart of city proper. It is located at the Northern part of Brgy. Lao with the school area of 6, 199sq. m. and is accessible to all types of vehicles. It is one of the complete non-central schools of Ormoc City District III, Ormoc City Division. The school was established in 1973.

The barangay has an elementary school which is catering to the primary pupils from the residents within the barangay. When they graduated and proceed to secondary school,



they need to travel 7 to 12 km. daily in going to existing secondary schools in neighboring Barangay.

Brgy. Lao has 2 Elementary Schools (Lao Elementary School and Jica-Lao Elementary School) which produces 90-100 graduates every year. These graduates when proceeding to secondary education, need to travel 7 to 12 km. daily in going to existing secondary school. These students are children of marginal parents and sending them to other existing secondary schools as one of the additional financial burdens.

The Local Government of Brgy. Lao in cooperation with the parents, Teachers Association conducted a feasibility study to evaluate options based on various environmental programs, transportation, location, catchment areas and distance of the school, community and cost area. The analysis involves evaluating the possibility of establishing an integrated school of the barangay that could provide quality education coming from Brgy. Lao and other neighboring sitios.

Further, conversion of Lao Elementary School will minimize or even cut off the risk of drop-outs, and child labor of the elementary graduates. The realization of this proposed plan will mean less percentage of drop-out among the graduates and at the same time will drastically reduce the expenses of the parents in sending their children in school.

Moreover, the proposed integrated school provides a significant impact to help alleviate the family's situation in sending their child to school and at the same time addresses the needs and the rights of the children to school and eventually become a productive and responsible member of the community.

Hence, conversion of LAO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO LAO INTEGRATED SCHOOL is being endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent of Ormoc City Division to the Regional Office for appropriate action.

FINDINGS:

1. Barangay Lao, Ormoc City has an Elementary School which produces a good number of graduates annually. The percentage of graduates can be a potential number of enrollees for the opening of a secondary school.
2. Barangay Lao is a plain community with a land area of 6, 199 sqm making it an ideal place for education and commerce.
3. This barangay and its proximity can cater the graduates from other adjacent school like Jica-Lao Elementary School.

4. There are already available 2 classrooms and wide buildable space enough for building 2- storey 4 classrooms.
5. The proposed school can cater the Elementary graduates who cannot afford to enroll in a private school.
6. Lao Elementary School is located about 13 km. away from the heart of the city. The proposed school site is located inside the school premises. The school has 5 buildings with 11 classrooms and has a population of 265 learners from kinder to Grade 6 with 1 section each grade and 1 principal managing it. The school is a walking distance from the Brgy. Covered court, Brgy. Hall, Tanod Outpost and Brgy. Health Center. WASH facilities in school are all functional. Handwashing corners and shared toilets are also available in all classrooms.
7. A parcel of land with Tax Declaration of the cadastral survey of Ormoc City with improvements thereon situated in the barangay is also ensured.
8. Proximity from the school site to the different catchment areas based on this location showed that the proposed school is near and a walking distance from the adjacent Sitios.
9. Finally, the establishment of Lao Integrated School could provide a better opportunity to access quality education in the rural community.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In view of the foregoing evaluation and findings, the team respectfully recommends that:

1. The established integrated school shall be named **LAO INTEGRATED SCHOOL** and is authorized to operate effective School Year 2022 – 2023.
2. The Schools Division Superintendent shall monitor the operation of San Liberty Integrated School.

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