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

March 22, 2022

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **253**, s. 2022

**ESTABLISHMENT OF STA. CRUZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
MATUGUINAO, SAMAR**

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

1. This Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces that **STA. CRUZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**, MATUGUINAO, SAMAR is a newly approved elementary school by this Regional Office on March 22, 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 **DepEd Division of Samar** 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.

  
**EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV**  
Regional Director

Enclosures: None

References: DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2014

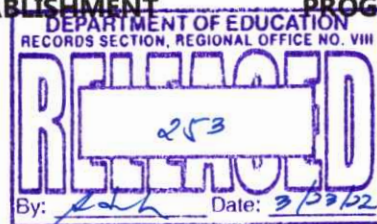
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**DATE :** March 22, 2022  
**TITLE :** EVALUATION REPORT & RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
STA. CRUZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MATUGUINAO, SAMAR

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## **BACKGROUND**

In consonance with Article XIV section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and as stated in DepEd Order No. 36 s. 2013, DepEd, as stewards of the institution is commissioned to protect and promote the right of every Filipino to quality, equitable, culture-based, and complete basic education.

Cognizant to this premise, the Municipality of Matuguinao has been longing for the establishment of school in Barangay Sta. Cruz to provide its constituents easy access to basic elementary education.

Barangay Sta. Cruz is a far-flung community which is about five (5) kilometers or more away from the town proper. This place can only be reached by hiking and crossing rivers for more than an hour. This is one of the school-less barangays in the municipality. Thus, parents have to send their children to other barangays for them to be in school. Resolution No. 30-2021 of the Sangguniang Bayan clearly testify that due to the distance and danger in daily hiking along terrains and crossing the river to Barangay San Isidro, which is the nearest barangay offering a complete elementary curriculum, only few children can afford to pursue their basic education.

The establishment of a school is a paramount and dire need of the settlers of Barangay Sta. Cruz for the welfare and safety of their children. Moreover, the Sangguniang Bayan testified further that the operation of a school in this locality will also lessen the financial burden on the part of the parents to cater the daily expenses and allowances of their children for an entire year considering that most of the families in the area have underprivileged economic status.



Schools Division Superintendent aggressively expressed her support to the intention of the parents and Barangay Council with the commitment of the Local Government Unit of the municipality as stated in the Memorandum of Agreement in providing all learners in the barangay an easy access to basic elementary education. Thus, establishment of Sta. Cruz Elementary School is being endorsed to the Regional Office for appropriate action.

#### **FINDINGS:**

1. The proposed multigrade school has already two existing classrooms with built in comfort rooms constructed by the Infantry Batallion Engineering Department.
2. Two teachers are assigned and ready to be deployed by the Schools Division Superintendent once the school will be in its operation.
3. A school head is already designated to manage the operation.
4. The proponent has identified and validated to have 25 prospective learners.
5. School Development Plan has been set for its operation in School Year 2022-2023.,

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. The school shall be named **Sta. Cruz Elementary School** and authorize to operate effective School Year 2022-2023.
2. The school shall implement the K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum.
3. The School operation shall be on gradual basis which may progress to the next grade levels in the succeeding years pending upon the availability of the classrooms and teachers.
4. The Chief of the Curriculum and Instruction Division shall facilitate the continual monitoring on the curriculum implementation of the school and provide the technical assistance needed.
6. 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 Schools Division Superintendent shall facilitate the inclusion of the financial budgetary requirement in the annual budget of the department.

  
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