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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **188**, s. 2023

ESTABLISHMENT OF BAG-OTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BARANGAY BAG-OTAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MATUGUINAO, DIVISION OF SAMAR

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Regional Office Division Chiefs
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

- The Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces that **BAG-OTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** of Barangay Bag-otan, Matuguinao, Samar, is a newly approved elementary school by this Regional Office on February 28, 2023 through administrative fiat pursuant to its expressed authority under Section 5(B/13) Chapter 1 of RA No. 9155 (Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001), after full satisfactory compliance with the requirements prescribed by existing guidelines and policies of the Department.
- The **Schools Division Superintendent of DepEd Division of Samar** where the school is located is hereby directed to consider this school in the budget preparation for its eventual inclusion in the immediate succeeding General Appropriation Act (GAA).
- Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Regional Director

Enclosure: None
Reference: DepEd Order No. 51, s. 2015

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EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT OF SCHOOL'S APPLICATION
ESTABLISHMENT OF BAG-OTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BARANGAY
BAG-OTAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MATUGUINAO, DIVISION OF SAMAR

BACKGROUND

Barangay Bag-otan is one of the considered Geographically Isolated and Disadvantage Areas (GIDA) and conflict- affected barangays in the municipality of Matuguinao. This barangay is accessible through an hour foot hike in a 3.1 kilometers distance from Matuguinao Central Elementary School. Most of the families, if not all, are economically and underprivileged considering that farming as a major source of family income is not stable in the said location. Thus, going to school is an additional financial burden on their part to cater the daily expenses and allowances of their children just to access basic education. Being situated in conflict-affected areas, the children are posed with security risks during their travel in attending classes in the nearest school.

It has been a fervent desire of the populace of the barangay that public elementary school be opened being the center of education for more than a decade since the school building was built by the Infantry Battalion Engineering Department, but that structure was never used as a facility for learning.

Because of the eagerness to help the parents and the students, the Barangay Officials supported by the Local Chief Executive of Matuguinao, Samar, executed resolutions requesting for the establishment of an elementary school in Barangay Bag-otan expecting that financial burden among parents may be lessen, security of school-aged children and high participation rate may be assured.

Further, the Schools Division Superintendent of Samar Division intensely expressed her support to the proposed establishment of school initiated by the concerned parents and local officials to ensure that all school age children in the community should have access to basic education and to possibly lessen the financial burden of parents in sending their children to school. Thus, establishment of a Bag-otan Elementary School is being endorsed to the Regional Office for appropriate action.

In response to the school's application endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent of Samar Division, the Regional Inspectorate Team (RIT) conducted an ocular inspection to validate the school's readiness subject for recommendation



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to the Regional Director for appropriate action. The following are the findings and recommendations of the ocular inspection conducted:

FINDINGS:

1. The proposed school is situated three kilometers from the existing nearest school.
2. It has two available wooden type classrooms constructed by the Army Infantry Battalion Engineering Department.
3. As declared by the MGB, the proposed school site is classified as Moderate Landslide Susceptibility Rating.
4. The LGU through the Local Chief Executive committed to donate the 5,000 sq. m. where the two classrooms are situated and to facilitate the arrangement with the DENR to respond to the findings that the proposed school is situated in a declared timber land.
5. 26 five-year old children are currently enrolled in the Barangay Day Care Center.
6. 46 learners for Grades 1-5 are currently enrolled in Matuguinao Central school.
7. The present age of most of the learners are older than the expected age group for every grade level.
8. Construction of two classroom-one storey school building is already in the procurement process as certified by the OIC Provincial Engineer (Certification dated January 27, 2023).

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. The school shall be established and be named **BAG-OTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** effective School Year 2023-2024.



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2. Assignment of school head and deployment of teachers based on the required number shall be facilitated by the Schools Division Office (SDO).
3. The committed additional construction of classrooms shall be monitored by the SDO to fully comply with the basic requirements.
4. Learning resources shall be provided to the newly opened school to ensure provision of quality learning experiences to all learners.
5. The LGU, both the Barangay and Municipal levels, shall facilitate the construction of additional classrooms and to 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 school in the DepEd Budget/GAA the soonest possible time.
7. The Schools Division Superintendent, likewise, shall monitor the operation of the school.

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