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REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**APPROVED OPENING OF CLASSES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 OF  
PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE DIVISION OF SAMAR**

To: Schools Division Superintendent  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the result of the validation of the submitted School Calendar for the School Year 2023-2024 of the private schools in the Division of Samar, this Office announces to the field the following approved schedule of opening of classes after having complied with the requirements stipulated in Republic Act 11480.

	Name of School	School ID	Approved Schedule of Opening of Classes for SY 2023-2024 by level		
			Elementary	Junior High School	Senior High School
1.	MSH Sister's Academy of Basey, Inc.	453503		August 7, 2023	
2.	Bethany Baptist Academy of Calbiga, Inc.	453520	August 29, 2023		
3.	St. Michael's High School of Gandara	404777		August 7, 2023	
4.	Miracle Haven Community Learning Center	453514	August 29, 2023		
5.	Divine Mercy Integrated Academy of Villareal	409263		August 14, 2023	
6.	St. Anthony Institute	404779		August 29, 2023	

2. The Schools Division Superintendent of Samar Division shall monitor the implementation of the recommendations indicated in the attached validation results to ensure that the curriculum requirements are in place and school operations and standard events are being conducted.

3. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.



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**VALIDATION OF SCHOOL CALENDAR OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

School Year: **2023-2024**  
Name of School: **MSH SISTER'S ACADEMY OF BASEY, INC.**  
School ID: **453503**  
School Address: **Basey, Samar**

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Findings/Observation</b>	<b>Recommendations to consider by SDO and the School</b>
1. Number of School Days ( <i>RA 11480 and 7797 -Lengthen school calendar days from 200 to but not more than 220 days</i> )	Total of 200 school days comprising <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>18 days for exams</li><li>11 days for Co-curricular activities.</li><li>171 instructional days</li></ul> <b>(Non-Compliant)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Monitor the implementation of the preferred learning delivery option of the school as indicated in paragraph 10 of DO 22, s. 2023.</li><li>➤ With the identified number of instructional days, it is a need to review the class programs of the school to check if the curriculum time requirement for every learning area is considered and observed upon opening of classes.</li><li>➤ Holding of classes may be managed even during the conduct of PTA meetings to fully ensure that teaching-learning experiences are still provided to the learners.</li></ul>
2. Opening of classes ( <i>first day of June but not later than the last day of August</i> )	JHS and SHS- August 7, 2023 <b>(Compliant)</b>	
3. Minimum number of 180 days for actual teaching-learning time. (DO 23, s. 2016)  90 days per semester for SHS to cover the 80 hr-time allotment per learning area.	171 instructional days <b>(Non-Compliant)</b>	
4. Observance of official holidays	11 national holidays were noted. <b>(Compliant)</b>	



<p>5. Provision of rest days of personnel (not less than 24 consecutive hours for every seven consecutive days, DO 88, s. 2010, Section 97)</p>	<p>Utilization of Saturdays and Sunday as part of the school calendar days not evident. <b>(Compliant)</b></p>	
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**VALIDATION OF SCHOOL CALENDAR OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

School Year: **2023-2024**  
Name of School: **BETHANY BAPTIST ACADEMY OF CALBIGA, INC.**  
School ID: **453520**  
School Address: **Polangi, Calbiga, Samar**

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Findings/Observation</b>	<b>Recommendations to consider by SDO and the School</b>
1. Number of School Days ( <i>RA 11480 and 7797 -Lengthen school calendar days from 200 to but not more than 220 days</i> )	Total of 201 school days comprising <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 20 days for exams</li><li>• 6 days for Co-curricular activities.</li><li>• 175 instructional days</li></ul> <b>(Compliant)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Lessen the number of examination days to increase the number of days for instructional delivery.</li><li>➤ Revised the submitted school calendar following the commonly used format reflecting the observance of regular holidays and other co-curricular activities.</li></ul>
2. Opening of classes ( <i>first day of June but not later than the last day of August</i> )	August 29, 2023 <b>(Compliant)</b>	
3. Minimum number of 180 days for actual teaching-learning time. (DO 23, s. 2016)  90 days per semester for SHS to cover the 80 hr-time allotment per learning area.	175 instructional days <b>(Non-Compliant)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Review the class programs of the school to check if the curricular time requirement for every learning area is considered and observed upon opening of classes.</li></ul>
4. Observance of official holidays	3 regular holidays in the months of November and December were not considered. Regular holidays not reflected.  <b>(Non-Compliant)</b>	



<p>5. Provision of rest days of personnel (<i>not less than 24 consecutive hours for every seven consecutive days, DO 88, s. 2010, Section 97</i>)</p>	<p>Contact time during Saturdays and Sundays are not evident in the calendar. <b>(Compliant)</b></p>	

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**VALIDATION OF SCHOOL CALENDAR OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

School Year: **2023-2024**  
Name of School: **ST. MICHAEL'S HIGH SCHOOL, INC.**  
School ID: **404777**  
School Address: **Gandara, Samar**

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Findings/Observation</b>	<b>Recommendations to consider by SDO and the School</b>
1. Number of School Days (RA 11480 and 7797 -Lengthen school calendar days from 200 to but not more than 220 days)	<p><i>For Junior High School:</i></p> <p>Total of 212 school days comprising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 18 days for exams</li><li>• 5 days for Co-curricular activities.</li><li>• 189 instructional days</li></ul> <p><i>For Senior High School:</i></p> <p><u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u> – 103 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8 days for exams</li><li>• 3 days for Co-curricular activities.</li><li>• 92 instructional days</li></ul> <p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u> – 109 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 days for exams</li><li>• 2 days for Co-curricular activities.</li><li>• 97 instructional days</li></ul> <p><b>(Compliant)</b></p> <p>19 Saturdays are counted as part of the 212 school calendar days.</p>	<p>➤ As stipulated in DO 30, s. 2020, DepEd authorizes the holding of <u>Saturday classes</u> through the distance learning activities undertaken by learners. Moreover, should religious considerations prohibit these Saturday activities, they shall be undertaken on Sundays. With this, the following requires to be monitored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Continual adoption of the blended learning delivery modality particularly on distance learning based on the suggested options indicated in paragraph 10 of DO 22, s. 2023.</li><li>✓ Agreements made between the school and the parents that <u>teaching-learning activities</u> will be held during Saturdays.</li></ul>
2. Opening of classes (first day of June but not	JHS and SHS- August 7, 2023 <b>(Compliant)</b>	



<i>later than the last day of August)</i>		➤ Even though the standard number of required instructional days are met by the school, there is still a need to review the class programs of the school to check if the curriculum time requirement for every learning area is considered and observed upon opening of classes for Junior and Senior High Schools.
3. Minimum number of 180 days for actual teaching-learning time. (DO 23, s. 2016)  90 days per semester for SHS to cover the 80 hr-time allotment per learning area.	<p><i>For Junior High School:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 189 instructional days with 14 Saturdays</li> </ul> <p><i>For Senior High School:</i></p> <p><u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 92 instructional days with 9 Saturdays</li> </ul> <p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 97 instructional days with 5 Saturdays</li> </ul> <p><b>(Compliant)</b></p>	➤ Considering that there are other expected activities with no definite schedules reflected in the school calendar, it shall be emphasized always that the 180 days for actual teaching-learning time remain non-negotiable.
4. Observance of official holidays	<p>Nine national holidays were noted. However, March 28-29, and April 9 are regular holidays but marked as school days.</p> <p><b>(Non-Compliant)</b></p> <p>Other expected activities with no definite schedules are indicated in the calendar of activities.</p>	
5. Provision of rest days of personnel ( <i>not less than 24 consecutive hours for every seven consecutive days, DO 88, s. 2010, Section 97</i> )	Can not be established.	➤ Review the assignment of teaching loads and other ancillary services in the Teacher' Program for SY 2023-2024 to ensure compliance with DO 88, s. 2010 and Labor Code of the Philippines Articles 91-93.

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School Year: **2023-2024**  
Name of School: **MIRACLE HAVEN COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER**  
School ID: **453514**  
School Address: **Polangi, Calbiga, Samar**

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Findings/Observation</b>	<b>Recommendations to consider by SDO and the School</b>
1. Number of School Days ( <i>RA 11480 and 7797 -Lengthen school calendar days from 200 to but not more than 220 days</i> )	Total of 190 school days comprising <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8 days for exams</li><li>182 instructional days</li></ul> <b>(Non-Compliant)</b>  INSET and other co-curricular activities are not evident in the calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Revised the submitted school calendar following the commonly used format reflecting the observance of regular holidays and other co-curricular activities.</li><li>➤ Review the class programs of the school to check if the curricular time requirement for every learning area is considered and observed by the school upon opening of classes.</li></ul>
2. Opening of classes ( <i>first day of June but not later than the last day of August</i> )	August 29, 2023 <b>(Compliant)</b>	
3. Minimum number of 180 days for actual teaching-learning time. (DO 23, s. 2016)  90 days per semester for SHS to cover the 80 hr-time allotment per learning area.	182 instructional days <b>(Compliant)</b>	
4. Observance of official holidays	11 regular holidays were reflected in the calendar  <b>(Compliant)</b>	



<p>5. Provision of rest days of personnel (<i>not less than 24 consecutive hours for every seven consecutive days, DO 88, s. 2010, Section 97</i>)</p>	<p>Contact time during Saturdays and Sundays are not evident in the calendar. <b>(Compliant)</b></p>	
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School Year: **2023-2024**  
Name of School: **DIVINE MERCY INTEGRATED ACADEMY OF VILLAREAL FOUNDATION INC.**  
School ID: **409263**  
School Address: **Brgy. Soledad, Villareal, Samar**

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Findings/Observation</b>	<b>Recommendations to consider by SDO and the School</b>
1. Number of School Days ( <i>RA 11480 and 7797 -Lengthen school calendar days from 200 to but not more than 220 days</i> )	Total of 221 school days comprising <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 18 days for exams</li><li>• 6 days for Co-curricular activities.</li><li>• 197 instructional days</li></ul> <b>(Non-Compliant)</b>  36 Saturdays were counted as part of the 221 school days.	➤ As stipulated in DO 30, s. 2020, DepEd authorizes the holding of <u>Saturday classes</u> through the distance learning activities to be undertaken by learners. Moreover, should religious considerations prohibit these Saturday activities, they shall be undertaken on Sundays. With this, the following requires to be monitored:
2. Opening of classes ( <i>first day of June but not later than the last day of August</i> )	JHS and SHS- August 14, 2023 <b>(Compliant)</b>	✓ Continual adoption of the blended learning delivery modality particularly on distance learning based on the suggested options indicated in paragraph 10 of DO 22, s. 2023.
3. Minimum number of 180 days for actual teaching-learning time. (DO 23, s. 2016)  90 days per semester for SHS to cover the 80	197 instructional days <b>(Compliant)</b>  <i>For Senior HS:</i> <u>1st Semester</u> - 100 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8 days for exams</li></ul>	✓ Agreements made between the school and the parents that <u>teaching-learning activities</u> will be held during Saturdays and Sundays.



<p>hr-time allotment per learning area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 days for co-curricular activities</li> <li>• 88 instructional day) <b>(Non-Compliant)</b></li> </ul> <p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u> - 121 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days for exams</li> <li>• 2 days for co-curricular activities</li> <li>• 109 instructional days <b>(Compliant)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Considering this number of school days, review the class programs of the school to check if the curricular time requirement for every learning area is considered and observed upon opening of classes for Junior and Senior High Schools.</li> <li>➤ If ever possible, lessen the number of examination days and co-curricular activities to increase the number of instructional days to cope with the curriculum allotted time requirements in every learning area specifically in the first semester.</li> </ul>
<p>4. Observance of official holidays</p>	<p>12 national holidays were noted.</p> <p>November 30 is considered school day while 27 was marked as holiday. <b>(Non-Compliant)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The calendar of activities shall be adjusted to comply with the provisions of RA 11480 and to ensure proper observance of official holidays.</li> </ul>
<p>5. Provision of rest days of personnel (<i>not less than 24 consecutive hours for every seven consecutive days, DO 88, s. 2010, Section 97</i>)</p>	<p>Can not be established.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Review the assignment of teaching loads and other ancillary services in the Teacher' Program for SY 2023-2024 to ensure compliance with DO 88, s. 2010 and Labor Code of the Philippines Articles 91-93.</li> </ul>

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School Year: **2023-2024**  
Name of School: **ST. ANTHONY'S INSTITUTE**  
School ID: **404779**  
School Address: **Zumarraga, Samar**

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Findings/Observation</b>	<b>Recommendations to consider by SDO and the School</b>
1. Number of School Days ( <i>RA 11480 and 7797 -Lengthen school calendar days from 200 to but not more than 220 days</i> )	Total of school days can not be determined from the submitted document. <b>(Non-Compliant)</b>	➤ Revised the submitted school calendar following the commonly used format reflecting the observance of regular holidays and other co-curricular activities.  ➤ Review the class programs of the school to check if the curricular time requirement for every learning area is considered and observed by the school upon opening of classes.
2. Opening of classes ( <i>first day of June but not later than the last day of August</i> )	August 29, 2023 <b>(Compliant)</b>	
3. Minimum number of 180 days for actual teaching-learning time. (DO 23, s. 2016)  90 days per semester for SHS to cover the 80 hr-time allotment per learning area.	Number of instructional days cannot be determined from the submitted document.  <b>(Non-Compliant)</b>	
4. Observance of official holidays	12 regular holidays were reflected in the list of activities  <b>(Compliant)</b>	
5. Provision of rest days of personnel ( <i>not less than 24 consecutive hours for every seven</i> )	Contact time utilizing Saturdays and Sundays cannot be determined	



<i>consecutive days, DO 88, s. 2010, Section 97)</i>	from the submitted document. <b>(Non-Compliant)</b>	
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