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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

October 2, 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. **1060**, s. 2023

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SAN ISIDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
BRGY. SAN ISIDRO, TANAUAN, LEYTE**

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

1. The Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces that the Establishment of **SAN ISIDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**, Brgy. San Isidro, Tanauan, Leyte, is approved by this Regional Office on October 2, 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.

1. The **Schools Division Superintendent** of the **Division of Leyte** is hereby directed to consider this school in budget preparation for its eventual inclusion in the immediately succeeding General Appropriations Act (GAA).

2. 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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EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT OF SCHOOL'S APPLICATION

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BACKGROUND

The municipality of Tanauan, a second-class municipality nestled in the province of Leyte, Philippines, covers a land area of 78.41 square kilometers or 30.27 square miles, constituting a mere 1.24% of Leyte's vast expanse. According to the 2020 Census, Tanauan's population stood at 57,455, representing 3.23% of Leyte province's total population and 1.26% of the Eastern Visayas region's overall populace.

Situated in the western borders of the municipality lies Barangay San Isidro, the farthest and most remote among its fifty-four (54) barangays. This area is approximately twelve kilometers distant from the town center and shares its borders with neighboring barangays in the municipalities of Dagami and Palo. Commuting to these areas predominantly relies the unconventional modes of transport like "habal-habal" and tricycles, which are irregular in their services. Adding to the challenge, the current transportation fare to reach these municipalities stands at around fifty pesos (Php 50.00). With the unstable fuel prices, this fare has seen a twofold increase.

Furthermore, the nearby secondary schools—Kiling National High School (KNHS), Tanauan School of Craftsmanship and Home Industries (TCSHI), Tanauan National High School (TNHS), Picas National High School (PNHS), and Tanauan School of Arts and Trade (TSAT)—are situated at distances of 6.6, 8.0, 8.2, 10.0, and 12.5 kilometers, respectively. The significant geographical gap presents a pressing concern for elementary school graduates from San Isidro and its neighboring areas. Consequently, a substantial portion of families residing in these regions falls below the poverty line, making it hard for them to send their children to secondary school.

In recognition of the Department of Education's mandate to safeguard and uphold the right of all citizens to quality education across all levels, as stipulated in Article XIV, Section 1 of the Philippine Constitution, the Barangay Council of San Isidro, with the unwavering support of the Local Government Unit of Tanauan, Leyte, expresses its wholehearted commitment to establish a secondary school. This endeavor seeks to ensure that every school-age child in this remote municipality gains accessible secondary education.



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Through this initiative, students hailing from the barangays of Sta. Elena, Guindag-an, Cabarasan Guti in Tanauan; San Antonio and Cabarasan Daku in Palo; and Tin-aw, Tuya, and Balilit in Dagami will have their pathways to education broadened.

In response to the school's application, the Regional Inspectorate Team (RIT) undertook an on-site inspection to assess the school's readiness, with recommendations and necessary actions now pending from the Regional authorities.

FINDINGS:

1. The elementary school's site covers an area of 16,585 square meters, with more than half of the land remaining unused by the school.
2. The elementary school boasts an adequate number of classrooms, ranging from kindergarten to grade 6, along with well-equipped laboratories and auxiliary services.
3. Four surplus classrooms are currently undergoing repairs in preparation for the establishment of a secondary school.
4. The local government unit (LGU) has constructed a gymnasium within the elementary school's premises, intended for use as an evacuation center during community emergencies.
5. According to the Memorandum of Agreement signed by both the SDO Leyte Division and LGU Tanauan, Leyte, the LGU's roles and responsibilities include:
 - a. The construction of a new building.
 - b. Procurement of educational facilities, furniture, and instructional materials.
 - c. Operation and maintenance for a minimum of five (5) years or until corresponding funds are allocated in the national budget.
 - d. Salary provision for teaching and non-teaching personnel, preferably at the national salary rates.
 - e. Continued financial support through the Special Education Fund.
6. The SDO Leyte Division has already assigned a head teacher to oversee school operations.
7. The school site lacks well-defined boundaries, leading to ambiguity about the separation between the elementary and the proposed secondary schools.
8. The proposed secondary school site has no fixed gate to delineate its boundaries clearly.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In light of the preceding validation, the team humbly proposes the following recommendations:

1. The school shall be officially named **SAN ISIDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL** and granted authorization to commence operations effectively from School Year 2024-2025.



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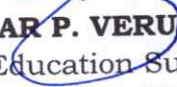
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2. The school shall adopt the K-12 Basic Education Curriculum.
3. The school's operational progression to higher grade levels in subsequent years shall be contingent upon the availability of classrooms and teachers.
4. If sufficient human and material resources align with the Department of Education's standards, it is advisable to expand the curriculum offerings in the following school years:
 - School Year 2024-2025: Grade 7 (Year 1)
 - School Year 2025-2026: Grade 8 (Year 2)
 - School Year 2026-2027: Grade 9 (Year 3)
 - School Year 2027-2028: Grade 10 (Year 4)
5. The Schools Division Superintendent is urged to provide teachers who are well-versed in the K to 12 Curriculum, with consideration for additional teaching staff for this school.
6. The Schools Division Office (SDO) Leyte Division and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Tanauan, Leyte, shall ensure constant monitoring and implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement dated October 28, 2022.
7. The Schools Division Superintendent shall oversee the transfer of school site ownership in accordance with the procedures for acquiring new school sites as outlined in OM-OSEC 2018-0070, "Guidelines on the Acquisition of New School Sites." This transfer should be completed within three months from the approval of the establishment of this school.
8. The Schools Division Superintendent shall maintain oversight of the operations of San Isidro National High School in compliance with DepEd Order 40, s. 2014.

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