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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **270** s. 2025

**ESTABLISHMENT OF GUINTAGBUCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
DIVISION OF LEYTE**

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

1. This Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces that the request for establishment of **GUINTAGBUCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**, Brgy. Guintagbucan, Abuyog Leyte was approved by this Regional Office 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 Policy, Planning and Research Division of this Region through their Chief shall facilitate provision of School I.D. and update the necessary information relative thereto.
3. The **Schools Division Superintendent** of **Leyte** is hereby directed to consider this school in budget preparation for its eventual inclusion in the immediately succeeding General Appropriations Act (GAA).
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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References: DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2014



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**EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT OF SCHOOL'S APPLICATION
ESTABLISHMENT OF GUINTAGBUCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
DIVISION OF LEYTE**

BACKGROUND

The foundation for accessible and quality education is firmly rooted in the 1987 Philippine Constitution. Article XIV, Section 1 mandates 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." In alignment with this constitutional mandate, the Department of Education bears the authority, accountability, and responsibility for ensuring equitable access and enhancing the quality of basic education.

Further reinforcing this commitment is Republic Act 9155, which ensures that schools and learning centers receive the focused attention, educational programs, projects, and services they require, taking into account the interests of all community members. It is within this framework that the proposal for the establishment of Guintagbucan Elementary School has emerged. The compelling rationale for this school lies in its potential to significantly improve the community's access to quality education.

Indeed, the need for an elementary school in Barangay Guintagbucan, Abuyog, Leyte, is undeniable. This barangay, currently lacking educational facilities, deprives its school-aged children of basic education. The community is predominantly composed of impoverished families residing along the coast, reliant on fishing and farming for their sustenance. Alarmingly, only 30% of children aged 6 to 12 are currently enrolled in schools located in neighboring barangays, highlighting the urgent need for a local educational institution."

The establishment of a new elementary school would directly address the critical challenge of low educational participation and retention. Children would no longer be forced to endure long, arduous commutes to access elementary education. This would also alleviate the financial strain on families, who would save significantly on transportation costs.

Moreover, the school would serve as a vital community hub, fostering stronger ties and partnerships. It would empower the community to support local development and provide students with invaluable opportunities for real-world learning experiences. Ultimately, establishing this institution would significantly enhance the quality of education and better prepare students for their future.



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Therefore, the Schools Division Superintendent of Leyte Division has endorsed the establishment of Guintagbucan Elementary School and forwarded it to the Regional Office for appropriate action."

FINDINGS:

1. The proposed Guintagbucan Elementary School has a total land area of 0.4482 square meter located at barangay Guintagbucan, Abuyog Leyte and a parcel of lot in the name of the Department of Education per Tax Declaration No.08-01005-00937.
2. The school at present offers Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 with current enrolment of 16, 15 and 16 respectively occupied in 2 classrooms of the Kalahi Building. Each classroom is provided with facilities and equipment necessary for instruction. One Make-shift classroom is newly built for additional grade to accommodate therein.
3. There are 3 teachers, presently assigned to this school with Plantilla from B.V. Closa Central School. Meantime, the school is managed by a principal from the said central school.
4. Based on the BLGU Resolution No.65-2024 dated May 15, 2024, the name of school to be established is **“GUINTAGBUCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL”**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on the preceding evaluation and findings, the team respectfully submits the following recommendations:


1. It is recommended that the school be officially named Guintagbucan Elementary School and granted authorization to implement the K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum (Elementary Education Curriculum) commencing School Year 2025-2026.
2. The school's continued operation in subsequent years should be contingent upon the availability of standard classrooms, laboratories, and essential instructional facilities and equipment.
3. The Chief of the Curriculum Instruction Division is tasked with facilitating ongoing monitoring of the school's curriculum implementation, providing necessary technical assistance.
4. The Local Government is urged to uphold its commitment to provide the resources stipulated in the Memorandum of Agreement for the school's operation and maintenance for a minimum of five years, and to secure budgetary provisions until these funds are incorporated into the national budget.

5. The barangay officials are expected to actively advocate for the school's operation, contribute available barangay resources, and provide unwavering support for education and community development.


6. Parents are encouraged to actively engage other parents in the school's operation, assist in school-related activities, and foster close collaboration with teachers, administrator, and fellow parents to ensure a seamless school experience.

7. Finally, the Schools Division Superintendent is responsible for facilitating the provision of a qualified school head, meeting the DepEd-Civil Service Commission Qualification Standards for Elementary Schools, as well as securing qualified teaching and non-teaching personnel, school buildings, furniture, textbooks, other learning resources, and the inclusion of necessary funding in the General Appropriations Act for sustained school operation."

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