



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

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **164**, s. 2020

**CONVERSION OF BUNTAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BUNTAY INTEGRATED SCHOOL,  
BARANGAY BUNTAY, ORAS, EASTERN SAMAR**

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

1. This Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces that the request for **Conversion of Buntay Elementary School to Buntay Integrated School**, Barangay Buntay, Oras, Eastern Samar was approved by this Regional Office on February 26, 2020 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 **Division of Eastern Samar** is hereby directed to consider this school in the 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.

  
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Enclosures: None  
References: DepEd Order No. 40,s. 2014  
DepEd Order No. 71,s. 2003  
DepEd Order No. 91,s. 1999  
DepEd Order No. 05,s. 1989

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**FOR : REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
**DATE : February 26, 2020**  
**TITLE : EVALUATION & RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CONVERSION OF BUNTAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BUNTAY INTEGRATED SCHOOL, BARANGAY BUNTAY, ORAS, EASTERN SAMAR**

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### **BACKGROUND**

Barangay Buntay is one of the upstream barangays of the Municipality of Oras, Eastern Samar. It is approximately more than 30 kms. from the town proper. Strategically barangay Buntay is situated as catchment area among its nearby barangays namely Batang and Rizal. Thus, motorboat is the only means of transportation going to the said barangay aside from walking in the terrain along the riverside. Farming and fishing are the means of living among the barrio folks. In most cases, limited family income is evident in the extent that attaining secondary education is so hard among school-aged learners ages 12-17 considering the far distance of Oras Agro-Industrial School from Barangay Buntay. Somehow, it entails additional expense for the cost of living of the students, although some stay in their relatives but the food and other basic needs are also of big expense. Furthermore, families of the students prefer to stay temporarily in Oras and leaving their respective homes in order to supervise and attend the needs of their children in school which again brought additional expense. These scenarios impelled parents and other stakeholders to dream to have a secondary school to be offered in barangay Buntay.

The said barangay has an existing complete elementary school named Buntay Elementary School with a land area of 7,500 sq.m. The Grade 6 completers of the said school need to continue their secondary education in the nearest high school named Oras Agro-Industrial School (ONAI) which is 30 kilometers away from the barangay Buntay. Parents have



to spend around Two Hundred Pesos (PhP 200.00) a day for the cost of a round trip fare including the food and other allowances which could hardly be sustained by them especially those who have only limited income. As a result, high percentage of students' absenteeism and dropouts became a burden to the parents and the school. Moreover, due to financial constraints, only limited number of Grade 6 graduates from Buntay Elementary School and its nearby elementary schools have a chance to continue studies in the secondary education.

In view therefore, parents and municipal officials supported by the Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Oras, Eastern Samar, with the Barangay Officials of Buntay and its neighboring barangays, namely: Batang and Rizal expressed their full support for the request of the conversion of Buntay ES to an Integrated School with the hope that financial burden among parents may be lessen and high participation rate may be assured. The Grade 6 graduates coming from the nearby elementary schools of the said barangays will also be greatly benefited.

Moreover, the Schools Division Superintendent of Eastern Samar Division intensely expressed his support to the proposed conversion of school initiated by the concerned parents and local officials to ensure that all school aged children in the community will have access to basic education and possibly lessen the financial burden of parents in sending their children to school. Thus, conversion of Buntay Elementary School to Buntay Integrated School in Barangay Buntay, Municipality of Oras, Eastern Samar endorsed by the Division of Eastern Samar to the Regional Office is deemed necessary.

#### **FINDINGS:**

1. Buntay Elementary School has a total land area of 7,500 sq.m. which has enough buildable space for expansion to Junior High School and even for Senior High School. The school site is free from flooding and landslide based on the certification issued by the Mines and Geo Science Bureau.
2. The LGU, through its Sangguniang Bayan Members of Oras strongly expressed their full support to the school and commit to allocate additional budget for the expansion to the secondary level through a Resolution No. 09, s. 2019 dated February 22, 2019.

3. The barangay Officials of Buntay and the PTA Officials of Buntay ES conducted a joint meeting and come-up with a joint resolution expressing their full support as stated in Resolution No. 01, s. 2019 dated January 24, 2019.

4. The barangay officials of Buntay, Batang and Rizal and the assigned District Supervisor, the Schools Division M & E Coordinator and its EPS II and the SGOD Chief of Eastern Samar Division present during the consultative meeting conducted by the DepEd Regional Inspectorate Team also expressed their willingness and full support for the conversion of the school during the Focused Group Discussion (FGD).

5. Buntay ES has an existing spacious covered Multi-Purpose Hall with a semi-concrete classroom which need to be repaired and a partition be constructed.

6. The Kindergarten learners conducted classes in the semi-concrete room at the end-side of the Multi-Purpose Hall.

7. The excess learning materials and school furniture from ONAIS and the other secondary schools will also be given to the proposed Buntay Integrated School as per commitment expressed by the assigned District Supervisor.

8. The proposed school will receive support from the Local Government of Oras while the inclusion of the school in the GAA of DepEd is on process.

9. Schools Division Office of Eastern Samar through its assigned District Supervisor extended support as to the provision of technical assistance for the school management, supervision and other needs especially to teachers.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

In view of the foregoing evaluation and findings, the evaluators respectfully recommend that:

1. Buntay Elementary School shall be converted to an integrated school and shall be named **BUNTAY INTEGRATED SCHOOL** and is authorized to operate effective School Year 2020 – 2021.

2. The Multi-Purpose Hall be repaired and converted into classrooms so that this can accommodate Grades 7, 8 and 9 learners.

3. The Kindergarten learners must be transferred to the most beautiful and safe classroom in Buntay ES and this vacated semi-concrete room be repaired so that it can accommodate the in-coming Grade 10 learners.
4. The school shall implement K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum.
5. School operation shall be on a gradual basis. Thus, Curriculum Grades to be offered upon opening of classes for School Year 2020-2021 shall only be Grades 7 and 8 which may progress to the next grade levels in the succeeding years.
6. The school head of Buntay Elementary School with the assistance of the District Supervisor and the Municipal Engineer shall revisit and redesign the school development plan for use of available buildable spaces in the site in preparation for the construction of buildings for the Junior High School.
7. 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.
8. The School Head of Buntay Elementary School will manage the integrated school provided that the qualification standards shall be satisfied.
9. The Schools Division Superintendent shall provide teachers trained on the K to 12 Curriculum and consider additional regular teachers to this school to complete the number of teachers required to operate the integrated school.
10. The Schools Division Superintendent likewise shall provide school buildings, chairs, textbooks, and other resources to the school.

  
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