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FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

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TITLE : **EVALUATION & RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CONVERSION OF SAN ROQUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO SAN ROQUE INTEGRATED SCHOOL, BARANGAY SAN ROQUE, JIPAPAD, EASTERN SAMAR**

BACKGROUND

Barangay San Roque is one of the upstream barangays of Jipapad, Eastern Samar, strategically situated as the catchment area of other barangays namely, Cagmanaba and Mabuhay. The biggest part of the barangay populace depends on farming and coconut industry as means of living. The said barangay can be reach through riding in a river motorboat for more than two (2) hours from the town proper. The nearest secondary school is located within the heart of Jipapad named Jipapad National High School. Considering the distance of the barangay and the means of transportation it really entails big budget and looking into the life of the families living in the barangay of San Roque and its neighboring communities, sustainability of learners to finish secondary education is of great challenge. Somehow, school-aged learners ages 12-17 have possibilities to be school leavers or eventually drop-out. These scenarios impelled parents and other stakeholders to have a secondary school to be open in barangay San Roque.

The said barangay has an existing complete elementary school named San Roque Elementary School with a land area of 10,000 sq.m. It is located at the highland part of the barangay. The Grade 6 completers of the said school need to continue their secondary education in the nearest high school named Jipapad National High School (JNHS). Parents must spend around Two Hundred Fifty Pesos (PhP 250.00) 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 the above-mentioned 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 Jipapad, Eastern Samar, with the Barangay Officials of San Roque and its neighboring barangays, namely: Cagmanaba and Mabuhay expressed their full support for the request of the conversion of San Roque 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 San Roque Elementary School to San Roque Integrated School in Barangay San Roque, Municipality of Jipapad, Eastern Samar endorsed by the Division of Eastern Samar to the Regional Office is deemed necessary.

FINDINGS:

1. San Roque Elementary School has a total land area of 10,000 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 Jipapad 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. 12 s. 2019 dated July 25, 2019.

3. The Officials of Barangay San Roque expressed their full support for the conversion of the said school which is located in their barangay through a Resolution No. 001, s. 2019 dated June 17, 2019.

4. The barangay officials of San Roque, Cagmanaba and Mabuhay and the assigned District Supervisor, the Schools Division M & E Coordinator and its EPS II 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. San Roque ES has an existing vacant one (1) classroom and two (2) semi-concrete classrooms that can accommodate Grades 7 and 8 learners.

6. The excess learning materials and school furniture from Jipapad NHS and the other schools in the District will also be given to the proposed San Roque Integrated School as per commitment expressed by the assigned District Supervisor.

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

8. 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. San Roque Elementary School shall be converted to an integrated school and shall be named **SAN ROQUE INTEGRATED SCHOOL** and is authorized to operate effective School Year 2020 – 2021.

2. The school shall implement K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum.

3. The two (2) semi-concrete classrooms should be repaired and be ready for occupancy by the end of January 2020.

4. 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.

5. The school head of San Roque 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.

6. 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.

7. The School Head of San Roque Elementary School will manage the integrated school provided that the qualification standards shall be satisfied.

8. 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.

9. The Schools Division Superintendent likewise shall provide school buildings, chairs, textbooks, and other resources to the school.



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