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REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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CONVERSION OF KERIKITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO KERIKITE INTEGRATED SCHOOL, BARANGAY KERIKITE, ALMAGRO, 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 Kerikite Elementary School to Kerikite Integrated School**, Barangay Kerikite, Almagro, Samar was approved by this Regional Office on February 27, 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 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 SEVILLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO SEVILLA INTEGRATED SCHOOL, BARANGAY SEVILLA, STO. NIÑO, SAMAR

BACKGROUND

Barangay Kerikite is one of the island barangays of the Municipality of Almagro, Samar where it can be reach through any type sea transportation. Kerikite has one feeder barangay named Magsaysay but between the two(2), Kerikite is much potential be qualified for its request for conversion from elementary to an integrated school because of its availability of school site. The barangay folks engaged commonly in coconut farming and fishing as means of living thus, most of the parent's income is only sufficient for the day to day expenses. The learners in these 2 barangays usually enrolled in the nearest high school named Costa Rica National High School. Though the distance of these above mentioned schools is less than 2 kms radius, but there is no connecting road between the two but learners need to travel by sea just to reach the later. In addition, sending their children to the nearest high school entails additional expense for the cost of living and other basic needs where parents get difficulty in supporting them. Furthermore, some families prefer to stay temporarily Costa Rica leaving their home temporarily in Keriketi or Magsaysay just to send their children to secondary education which again brought additional expense. These scenarios impelled parents and other stakeholders to hope for a secondary school to be offered in barangay Kerikite.

The said barangay has an existing complete elementary school named Kerikite Elementary School with a land area of 35,000 sq.m. The Grade 6 completers of the said school need to continue their secondary education in the nearest high school which is more than



need to continue their secondary education in the nearest high school which is more than two (2) kms away from Kerikite and can only be reach through any time of sea transportation. Parents have to spend around Two Hundred Fifty Pesos (PhP 250.00) daily 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. Worst thing is that, learners need to traverse the sea in going to the nearby high schools which put danger to their life during times of strong waves. 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 Almagro, Samar, with the Barangay Officials of Keriketi and Magsaysay expressed their full support for the request of the conversion of Kerikite 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 Samar Division intensely expressed her full 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 Kerikite Elementary School to Kerikite Integrated School in Barangay Kerikite, Municipality of Almagro, Samar endorsed by the Division of Samar to the Regional Office is deemed necessary.

FINDINGS:

1. Kerikite Elementary School has a total land area of 35,000 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 GeoSciences Bureau.
2. The LGU, through the Office of the Municipal Mayor of Almagro, Hon. Kathleen S. Prudenciado strongly expressed full support to the school and commit to allocate

additional budget for the expansion to the secondary level through a Certification issued dated April 24, 2019 supported by a Sangguniang Bayan Resolution 02, s. 2019 dated July 25, 2019. expressing the same intention.

3. The barangay Officials of Kerikite requested barangay Magsaysay to let its Grade 6 completers be enrolled in the proposed Kerikite Integrated School a joint committee meeting dated April 5, 2019.

4. The barangay officials of Kerikite and Magsaysay and the assigned District Supervisor, the Schools Division Engineer and Education Program Supervisor in Physical Facilities in 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. Kerikite ES has an existing vacant two (2) classrooms that can accommodate Grades 7 and 8 learners.

6. The excess learning materials and school furniture from nearby schools will also be given to the proposed Kerikite Integrated School as per commitment expressed by the assigned District Supervisor.

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

8. Schools Division Office of 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. Kerikite Elementary School shall be converted to an integrated school and shall be named **KERIKITE INTEGRATED SCHOOL** and is authorized to operate effective School Year 2020 – 2021.

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

3. 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.


4. The school head of Kerikite 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.

5. 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.

6. The School Head of Kerikite Elementary School will manage the integrated school provided that the qualification standards shall be satisfied.

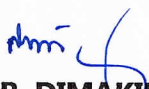
7. The Schools Division Superintendent shall provide teachers trained on the K to 12 Curriculum and consider additional regular teachers to this school to complete the number of teachers required to operate the integrated school.

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


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