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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **205**, s. 2020

CONVERSION OF STA. ELENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO STA. ELENA INTEGRATED SCHOOL, BARANGAY STA. ELENA, GANDARA, 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 Sta. Elena Elementary School to Sta. Elena Integrated School**, Barangay Sta. Elena, Gandara, 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 STA. ELENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO STA. ELENA INTEGRATED SCHOOL, BARANGAY STA. ELENA, GANDARA, SAMAR

BACKGROUND

Barangay Sta. Elena is one of the interior barangays located in the upper hinterland of the Municipality of Gandara, Samar, strategically situated as the catchment area of other barangays namely, Carmona, San Francisco, Balocawe, Bisleg, Caugbusan, Purog and Rawis. The biggest part of the barangay populace depends on farming and coconut industry as means of living. The said barangay can be reach through habal-habal and hiking. The nearest secondary schools are Piña Plata Integrated School and Ramon T. Diaz National High School which are approximately 25 kms. away from barangay Sta. Elena. In most cases, learners from the said barangay and its neighboring communities come to school through hiking due to its high fare rate. 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 Sta. Elena 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 Sta. Elena.

The said barangay has an existing complete elementary school named Sta. Elena Elementary School with a total land area of 5,510 sq.m. The Grade 6 completers of the said school need to continue their secondary education in the nearest high schools. Parents must spend around Three Hundred Pesos (PhP 300.00) 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 Gandara, Samar, with the Barangay Officials of Sta. Elena and its neighboring barangays, namely: Carmona, San Francisco, Balocawe, Bisleg, Cagbusan, Purog and Rawis expressed their full support for the request of the conversion of Sta. Elena ES to an Integrated School with the hope that financial burden among parents may be lesser 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 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 Sta. Elena Elementary School to Sta. Elena Integrated School in Barangay Sta. Elena, Municipality of Gandara, Samar endorsed by the Division of Samar to the Regional Office is deemed necessary.

FINDINGS:

1. Sta. Elena Elementary School has a total land area of 5,510 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 Gandara strongly expressed his full support to the school and commit to allocate additional budget for the expansion to the secondary level through a Certification issued dated July 30, 2019.

3. The officials of barangay Sta. Elena, Carmona, San Francisco, Balocawe, Bisleg, Caugbusan, Purog and Rawis executed a joint Resolution No. 004, s. 2019 dated July 15, 2019 expressing their full support for the conversion of Sta. Elena ES to an integrated school which is located in barangay Sta. Elena, Gandara, Samar.

4. The barangay officials of Sta. Elena, Carmona, San Francisco, Balocawe, Bisleg, Caugbusan, Purog and Rawis and the assigned District Supervisor together with the Division Engineer and Education Program Supervisor for Physical Facilities 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. Sta. Elena ES has an existing two (2) vacant classroom and 105 available armchairs that can accommodate Grades 7 and 8 learners.

6. The excess learning materials and school furniture from Piña Plata NHS, Ramon T. Diaz NHS and the other schools in the District will also be given to the proposed Sta. Elena Integrated School as per commitment expressed by the assigned District Supervisor.

7. The proposed school will receive support from the Local Government of Gandara, Samar 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. Sta. Elena Elementary School shall be converted to an integrated school and shall be named **STA. ELENA INTEGRATED SCHOOL** and is authorized to operate effective School Year 2020 – 2021 onwards.

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 Sta. Elena 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 Sta. Elena 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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