



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

September 23, 2020

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **507**, s. 2020

**REHIYON OTSO, LISTO!**

To: Director III  
Regional Office Chiefs  
Schools Division Superintendents  
School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education Regional Office VIII (Eastern Visayas) is one with the entire nation in its effort to provide basic quality education despite the health crisis the country is facing.
2. As the entire Department prepares for the opening of classes for the School Year 2020-2021 on October 5, 2020, this Office together with its 13 Schools Division Offices, has laid its Learning Continuity Plan to ensure that education will still continue even in times of COVID-19.
3. Anchored on the Region's slogan **Rehiyon Otso, Listo!**, a series of events for the school opening shall highlight the initiatives of the Regional Office, Schools Division Offices, and Schools in ensuring effective delivery of quality basic education amidst pandemic.
4. The participants to the said events are Regional Office Personnel, Schools Division Office employees, School Heads, and teachers. To ensure strict compliance with the Interagency Task Force and Department of Health protocols, all activities shall be done virtually.
5. A contest for Most Festive Division during the Rehiyon Otso, Listo! Pre-School Opening "Pakulo" shall be held on October 4, 2020, 2:00pm via Facebook Live. The most creative and festive division shall receive a cash prize.
6. Attached to this memorandum are the details of the events and contest guidelines.

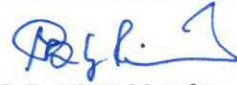


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7. All Schools Division Offices are enjoined to conduct similar or related activities for the school opening. They are also required to set-up their **Oplan Balik Eskwela-Public Assistance Command Center (OBE-PACC)** and **OBE Task Force** to respond to queries, issues, and concerns relative to the school opening. The **Division OBE-PACC Task Force** with their hotlines (numbers, official emails, official Facebook pages) must be submitted to pau.region8@deped.gov.ph before **September 28, 2020**.
8. The Schools Division Offices are also required to input all the queries, issues, and concerns in the OBE-PACC system. A daily summary report must be submitted to the Policy Planning, Research Division through pprd.region8@deped.gov.ph before 5pm.
9. All expenses incurred relative to the conduct of these activities shall be charged to local funds subject the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
10. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this memorandum are desired.



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Director IV

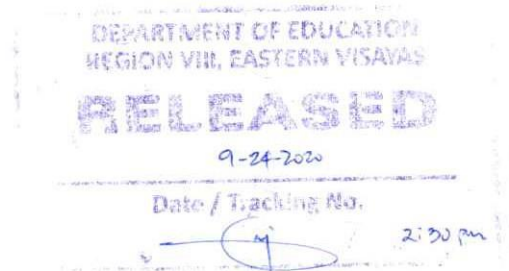
Enclosures: DepEd Region VIII School Opening Activities  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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**PROGRAM FOR THE REGIONAL SCHOOL OPENING ACTIVITIES**

Date	Activities	Division/Unit-In-Charge	Expected Participants
September 30, 2020   10:00am	DepEd VIII Partners' Day via Streamyard <i>Theme: Partnership In Action: Ensuring Learning Continuity Amidst Pandemic</i>	PAU, ESSD, ICT	RO, SDOs, Schools
October 2, 2020   10:00am-11:30am	<i>Rehiyon Otso, Listo!</i> Regional School Opening Launching	PAU, ICT, PPRD, ESSD, CLMD	RO, SDOs, Schools
October 2, 2020   2:00pm	Oplan Balik Eskwela Interagency Convergence and Online Press Conference	PAU, PPRD, ICT, CLMD, ESSD	RO Chiefs, Unit/Section Heads, SDSs, ASDSs, SGOD and CID Chiefs, Government Agencies, Media Partners

Date	Activities	Division/Unit-In-Charge	Expected Participants
October 4, 2020	Pre-school opening activity Sumat Ha DepEd Otso Special Edition	PAU, HRDD, ESSD, ICT, PPRD, CLMD	RO, SDOs, Schools
October 5, 2020   9:00am	School Opening Launching and World Teachers Day Celebration	Central Office Event	RO, SDOs, Schools
October 5-16, 2020	OBE- Public Assistance Command Center   24/7	PAU and all RO Functional Divisions	PAU, ICT, Legal CLMD, PPRD, QAD ESSD, Admin Finance

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**Guidelines for the Most Festive Division on Rehiyon Otso, Listo!  
Pre-School Opening Pakulo**

1. The participants to the Pakulo contest include the division and school officials, internal and external stakeholders of the different schools in the divisions.
2. The actual virtual presentation, not recorded, on October 4, 2020 at 2PM must not be less than three (3) minutes and should not exceed five (5) minutes.
3. The Pakulo must adhere to the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and DOH protocols.
4. The overall presentation must be relevant to the theme: Region Otso, LISTO! The following criteria shall be observed:

Festivity	-20 %
Originality	-20%
Relevance to the theme	-50 %
Projection and Overall Impact	-10 %
	<b>Total 100%</b>

5. The winners shall receive the following prizes:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Php10,000.00
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Php 7,000.00
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Php 5,000.00
6. The decision of the judges shall be final and irrevocable.