



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

February 8, 2021

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **174**, s. 2021

**ESTABLISHMENT OF FRANCISCO Y. BARANDA SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,  
BRGY.OSMEÑA, MACARTHUR, LEYTE**

To: Schools Divisions Superintendents  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces that the request for establishment of **Franciso Y. Baranda Sr. National High School**, Brgy. Osmeña, MacArthur, Leyte, was approved by this Regional Office on February 8, 2021 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 **DepEd Division of Leyte** where the school is located is hereby directed to consider this school in 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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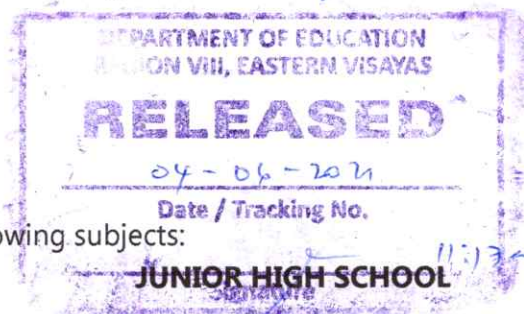
Enclosures: None  
References: DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2014  
DepEd Order No. 71, s. 2003  
DECS Order No. 88, s. 1997  
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**DATE** : **February 8, 2021**

**TITLE** : **VALIDATION REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRANCISCO Y. BARANDA SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, BRGY. OSMEÑA, MACARTHUR, LEYTE**

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## **BACKGROUND**

In consonance with Article XIV section I of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, which states that, "The state shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all". The Department of Education is vested with authority, accountability and responsibility for ensuring access in promoting equity and improving the Quality Basic Education.

Republic Act 9155 for this purpose ensures that schools and learning centers receive the kind of focused attention they deserve and kind of educational programs, projects and services they need taking into account the interest of all members of the community.

In view thereof, there is a necessity to establish a public secondary school in MacArthur, Leyte at Barangay Osmeña. This establishment will face the four-headed challenge of getting all school-age children in school and keeping them until they graduate, providing with quality basic education, taking actions to out of school youth who have already left behind. In different ways, such establishment is contributory in an attempt to uplift the situations of the communities especially that the same is school less barangay.

Barangay Osmeña is one of the fur flung barangay in the municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, having a distance of five (5) kilometers between two public secondary schools namely: MacArthur National High School and Palale National High School. Majority of its populace belong to the low-income families relying much on paid labor from farming and coconut industries. The mode of transportation in going from home to school is through motorcycle or "habal-habal". Learners who have not allowance for fare, they come to school by means of walking.

Many learners wish to finish their studies in secondary education, however the high transportation rate in going to the public secondary schools hinder them in attaining their education. As revealed in MacArthur National High School during School Monitoring, Evaluation and Adjustment on drop-out rate and it was 1.7 % due to distance from home of learners to school. Thus, the creation of another public secondary school is essential to



address such issue and bringing the school nearer to the learners with a long desire of parents, learners, Brgy. Officials and nearby barangays.

Moreover, to make the school accessible to all the heirs of Francisco Y. Baranda Sr. donated a parcel of land for the proposed public secondary school, which is located at Bgy. Osmeña, MacArthur, Leyte under the Tax Declaration No. 08-24017-00037 with lot area of SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWO SQUARE METERS (0.7402 square meters) more or less to the Department of Education last July 16, 2019 at MacArthur, Leyte, Philippines.

The Municipality of MacArthur strongly support the desire of their constituents and signed the Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education last July 10, 2019 , that they shall provide funds to proposed public secondary school for construction of the new buildings, procurement of educational facilities, furniture and instructional materials. And operation maintenance for the last five (5) years or until such time when funds for the purpose are incorporated in the national budget and salaries of teaching and non-teaching personnel preferably at par with national salary rates.

Thus, establishment of **FRANCISCO Y. BARANDA SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL** is being endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent of Leyte Division to the Regional Office for appropriate action.

#### **FINDINGS:**

1. The proposed secondary school is the extension campus of MacArthur National High School started last August 13, 2018 with a class and enrolment of : Grade 7 (33) and Grade 8 (30);
2. It is located beside the school site of FC Baranda Elementary School which caters from Grades 7 to 9 classes with a total of one hundred nine (109) enrollees;
3. There are five regular permanent teachers with plantilla item from MacArthur National High School and currently teaching different subject areas;
4. The Grade 7 and 8 class is temporarily house in excess of two classroom of FC Baranda Elementary School, while Grade 9 class is temporarily house in Brgy. Day Care Center;
5. It has two (2) available makeshift classrooms that can be utilized for school operation; and
6. The proposed public secondary school needs learning facilities and resources.


#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

In view of the foregoing validation, the team respectfully recommends that:

1. The recommendation from Mines and Geosciences Bureau shall be considered in constructing school buildings and other learning structures;
2. The Schools Division Superintendent shall spearhead the implementation of school's education curriculum;
3. The Schools Division Superintendent shall work for funding of school's operation;

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4. The Schools Division Superintendent shall request for the creation of teaching and non-teaching personnel;
  5. The Schools Division Superintendent shall ensure the appointment of School Head who possess the necessary qualification to manage the school; and
  6. The Schools Division Superintendent shall monitor the operation of **FRANCISCO Y. BARANDA SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**.
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