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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No. **000502**,s. 2021

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Divisions of Baybay City and Leyte
All Others Concerned

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPEN LETTER WRITING CONTEST

1. Attached is a communication from Ms. Adelina H. Velasco, Team Leader, Sustaining Education Reform Gains (SERG) Project, inviting teachers and learners to participate in the Open Letter Writing Contest under three (3) categories enumerated in the said communication.
2. All other related details can be found in the above-mentioned letter.
3. For inquiries, Ms. Kean Detera, Project Liason Officer, is available to respond via her email address and mobile number.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

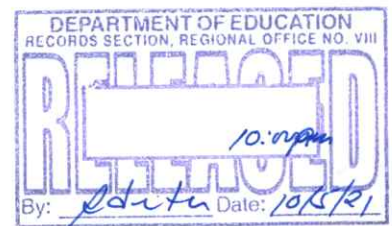

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Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
CELEBRATION SERG TEACHER'S MONTH

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Dear Regional Directors:

In celebration of the National Teachers' Month from September 05 to October 05, 2021 and the National Teachers' Day on October 05, 2020, the SERG Project supported by the Australian Government and implemented by Save the Children would like to pay tribute and honor teachers through various virtual activities.

Anchored on this year's theme of "Gurong Filipino: Katuwang sa Hamon, Kasama sa Pagbangon", SERG would like to host a **round table discussion** entitled "**Usap Tayo: A conversation with and among Teachers**" to exchange experiences, innovations and coping through the challenges of the pandemic **on October 08, 2021 at 1:30pm-5:00pm**. The main objective of the activity is to encourage sharing among educators **for collective work, innovations and action towards improved teaching-learning practices in the context of the "new normal."**

Selected teachers from Early Grade, Primary, Junior High School, Senior High School, Alternative Learning System, teacher handling learners with disability, learners in difficult situation, and IP learners shall be invited to share on any of the following topics:

- Experiences and strategies in practicing the concepts presented in 2020 Teacher's Day Celebration, i.e. "**The 3Rs of Teaching (Resiliency in Teaching, Reconstructing Collaboration for Teaching, and Reinventing Motivation)**", and their plans to sustain and/or improve these practices in the current School Year
- Stories and messages of gratitude to their favorite teacher who made positive impacts in their lives and teaching profession
- Life stories about coping with challenges (inspiring lessons for others to learn from)
- Stories of inspiration and motivation that led them become teachers and education leaders

In addition, we would also like to offer an **Open Letter Writing Contest** as platform for teachers to **openly express their reflections and experience to their peers, and for learners to acknowledge the significance of teachers** in their life. The open letter (maximum of 500 words) will be published online via Facebook under three (3) categories:

- **Category A:** An open letter from a teacher to another teacher / faculty to another faculty / school to another school to inspire and encourage. The letters shall include reflections on any of the following:
 - i. Coping during the pandemic
 - ii. Applying the 3R's of teaching

iii. Celebrating teaching successes

- **Category B:** Letter of a teacher to his/her favorite teacher that had a significant impact in his/her career and personal life.
- **Category C:** Letter of a student to his/her favorite teacher that had a significant impact in his/her academic performance and personal life.

The winners of the Open Letter Writing Contest will be awarded during the Round Table Discussion event.

In this regard, we would like to request for your endorsement of these activities to the SERG-supported Schools Division Offices and pilot schools. Attached is the concept note for additional information.

More importantly, we would like to request for your **2-3-minute video message conveying your words of wisdom and encouragement as educator and Regional Director**. Your message will serve as the highlight of the event as they are most valued by the teachers.

Our Project Liaison Officer, Ms. Kean Detera, is available to respond to any of your queries via email address Kean.Detera@savethechildren.org and mobile number [0917-321-5429](tel:0917-321-5429).

We hope for your kind and favorable response and as we are looking forward to working with you.

Respectfully,



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