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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF BENOWANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
BORONGAN DIVISION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Regional Office Division Chiefs
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

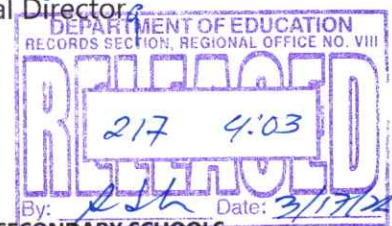
1. The Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces, that **BENOWANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**, BRGY. BENOWANGAN, BORONGAN, EASTERN SAMAR, is a newly approved National High School by this Regional Office on February 28 through administrative fiat pursuant to its expressed authority under Section 5 (B/13) of Chapter 1 of RA No. 9155 (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 **DepEd Division of Borongan, Eastern Samar** where the school is located is hereby directed to consider this school in the budget preparation for its eventual inclusion in the immediate succeeding General Appropriation Act (GAA).
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Enclosures: None
References: DepEd Order No. 40, 2014

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DATE : February 28, 2021
TITLE : **EVALUATION REPORT & RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BENOWANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, BENOWANGAN, BORONGAN CITY**

BACKGROUND

As stipulated in Article XIV Section 1 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, thus Benowangan National High School (BNHS) had been established, an annex school of Lalawigan National High School. Compelling grounds such as; school immensely helps the surrounding community to easily access quality education; and improve service delivery and efficiency, made the establishment a success. Since then, Benowangan NHS has been operating and continues its service, with the best it can offer. The school provides quality education and efficient service to its customer, the learners.

Benowangan National High School is located along the Suribao River and at the heart of the barangay. It is situated 15 kilometers away from the city proper. It can be reached by a maximum of 2-hour boat ride from Camada Port. The school was established since January 2002 with 45 students and four teachers who were LGU paid. The site of the school was acquired through a donation by some natives of barangay Benowangan through the effort of the local government unit.

Barangay Benowangan where Benowangan National High School is situated is a mountainous rural barangay in the city of Borongan, Eastern Samar. The primary source of living of the people is farming. Also, people make a living through sand and gravel extraction along the Panalugon River. The latest census figures in 2015 denote a positive growth rate of



5.11%, or an increase of 227 inhabitants from the previous population of 759 in 2010. (PhilAtlas.com)

Moreover, the need to have an autonomous school is felt by the parents, the students themselves, the faculty and staff and by the people served by the school. The school is serving the barangay and its satellite barangay, namely: Hebacong, Baras, Patag, Pinanag-an, and Bagong Bario. It is the pride of the people coming from these barangays to have a secondary school which is independent and autonomous.

However, due to its growing population, both teachers and students, there is a need to consider lots of things, one of which is the decision-making. Considering the distance of BNHS from Lalawigan NHS, it is impeccable to say that there is difficulty for whoever in the position to decide right now and then for they have to consider the authority from the mother school. Knowingly, problems are met unexpectedly. Another is communication, this matters a lot. In every transaction made by the school, there is a need to think through and has to relay it to the mother school. Meetings, school-based trainings and seminars, peer tutoring within the teaching staff and the like need to revolve around communication, which sometimes creates confusion among the structures as to whom and where to follow, BNHS's or Lalawigan NHS's way?

The school will function better if it is autonomous and independent. With the aim to improve quality education by improving the service of the school system, creating opportunities, both the teaching and non-teaching personnel for professional development, and achieving school and local democracy in every decision-making that would best serve the clientele.

Thus, establishment of BENOANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL is being endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent of Borongan City Division to the Regional Office for appropriate action.

FINDINGS:

1. The Benowangan National High School is an annex of Lalawigan National High School bearing a school ID of 313504 which started to operate in January 2002.
2. The school is located in Barangay Benowangan, Borongan City, Eastern Samar serving the barangay and its satellite barangays.
3. The City School Board of Borongan City approved a Sanguniang Bayan Resolution No. 13, s. 2021 supporting the desire of Benowangan National High School Annex to separate and become entirely independent from its mother school, the Lalawigan National High School, Borongan City, Eastern Samar, and to change the name of the school by deleting the word "Annex" appended thereto.

4. The school site has an area of one (1) hectare more or less donated from the Barangay Officials of Benowangan to DepEd Division of Eastern Samar for the use of Benowangan National High School.
5. Some of the facilities are meeting the standards for effective instruction and quality education with enough available classrooms with toilet facilities, functional school library, school canteen, playground, school stage, and flagpole.
6. The school has an administrative/principal's office. The school location is free from noise, unpleasant odors and dust, far from cockpits, dancing halls, bowling alley's movie houses, markets, garbage dumps, funeral parlors, cemeteries, heavy traffic highways, jails, railroad yards, far from vehicles traffic and manufacturing and industrial establishments.
7. Each classroom has fire extinguisher and other fire safety devices with adequate light and ventilation.
8. There are 14 teaching and 4 non- teaching personnel with the visibility of stakeholders' support and participation.
9. There are learning materials that are K-12 Curriculum based such as: Curriculum Guide, Teacher's Guide by subject by grade level and Learners' Materials by subject by Grade Level.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In view of the foregoing evaluation and findings, the team respectfully recommends that:

1. The established secondary school shall be named **BENOWANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL** and is authorized to continue to operate effective School Year 2022 – 2023.
2. The Schools Division Superintendent shall monitor the operation of Benowangan National High School.

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