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Department of Education  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **235**, s. 2023

**ESTABLISHMENT OF PICAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,  
BRGY. PICAS, TANAUAN, LEYTE**

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

1. The Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces that the Establishment of **PICAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**, Brgy. Picas, Tanauan, Leyte, is approved by this Regional Office on March 10, 2023 through administrative fiat pursuant to its expressed authority under Section 5(B/13) 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.

1. The **Schools Division Superintendent** of the **Division of Leyte** is hereby directed to consider this school in budget preparation for its eventual inclusion in the immediately succeeding General Appropriations Act (GAA).

2. 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. 91, s. 1999  
DECS Order No. 5, s. 1989



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**EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT OF SCHOOL'S APPLICATION**

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**BACKGROUND**

Barangay Picas is a remote area in the southern part of the municipality of Tanauan. It is located along the provincial road connecting the far-flung barangay of the municipalities of Tabontabon, Tolosa, and Tanauan. However, there is no regular means of transportation that can be accessed by the students in going to the nearby secondary schools. In addition to this, the current transportation fare in going to any of these municipalities is 50 pesos (Php 50.00).

The burden of transportation expenses led to remarkable drop-outs and school leavers among the students who are residents of Picas and its nearby barangays such as Cabugaan, Ada, Canbalisara, Catmon of Tanauan, and San Vicente of Tolosa.

Cognizant to the mandate of the Department of Education to 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 as stipulated in Article XIV, Section 1 of the Philippine Constitution, Tanauan School of Craftsmanship and Home Industries with the support of the Brgy. Picas accepted the challenge of ensuring that all school-age children in the far-flung area of the municipality will have access to secondary basic education.

With the strong support of the Local Government Unit of Tanauan, a temporary extension class was conducted in a two-story two-room building owned by barangay Picas while the construction of the school building is ongoing.

In response to the school's application, the Regional Inspectorate Team (RIT) conducted an ocular inspection to validate the school's readiness subject to recommendation and appropriate action of the Regional Director. The following are the findings and recommendations of the ocular inspection conducted:

**FINDINGS:**

1. The LGU Tanauan executed a Contract of Usufruct with DepEd to use a parcel of land in Brgy. Picas with a total land area of 8,025.78 square meters for the establishment of a secondary school. From this, a parcel of



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land with an area of 500 square meters is for the post-harvest facility of the Integrated Barangays of Tanauan, Leyte Irrigators Association, Inc..

2. The proposed school site has a one-story two-room building erected by the LGU of Tanauan.
3. SDO Leyte Division had already deployed four teachers and a head teacher to manage the school operation.
4. The school site has no defined boundaries to show the bounds of the property.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

1. The school shall be named **PICAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**, is authorized to continue its operation effective School Year 2023-2024.
2. The school shall implement K-12 Basic Education Curriculum.
3. School operation shall be on a gradual basis which may progress to the next grade levels in the succeeding years pending upon the availability of classroom/s and teacher/s.
4. The Local Government Units both Barangay and Municipal together with the parents shall provide financial support to the school until such time that operations will be covered by the DepEd.
5. The Schools Division Superintendent shall provide teachers trained in the K to 12 Curriculum and consider additional teachers to this school.
6. The Schools Division Superintendent shall monitor to ensure that the school shall not be used in any manner for private purposes that might interfere directly or indirectly in the proper functioning of the school.
7. The Schools Division Superintendent shall facilitate the re-execution of the Contract of Usufruct specifically **indicating 50 years instead of 25 years** use of the parcel of land for the establishment of secondary school in accordance with the mode of acquisition of school sites provided for in



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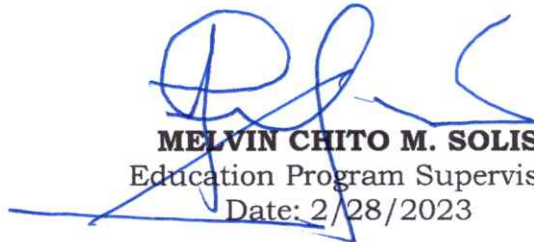



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OM-OSEC 2018-0070 *Guidelines on the Acquisition of New School Sites*,  
within three months from the approval on the establishment of **PICAS  
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**.


8. The Schools Division Superintendent shall monitor the operation of **PICAS  
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**.

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