



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

June 28, 2024

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **742** s. 2024

**JOINT OPLAN BALIK ESKWELA (OBE) AND BRIGADA ESKWELA
 COORDINATION MEETING WITH INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE
 FOR SCHOOL READINESS**

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

1. In line with the preparations for the opening of classes, this Office through the Public Affairs Unit, shall conduct the **Joint Oplan Balik Eskwela (OBE) and Brigada Eskwela (BE) Coordination Meeting with Interagency Task Force for School Readiness** on **July 25, 2024, 8:30 a.m.** at the **RELC-NEAP, DepEd Regional Office VIII.**

2. The convergence aims to update the public on the preparations of the Department of Education Region VIII for the smooth opening of classes and provide guidance on how the delivery of basic education shall be managed. The activity shall also involve other government agencies who will perform a critical role in providing guidelines on health and safety, peace and order, and transportation, among others when the school year opens.

3. The participants to the said activity are the following:

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| Regional Office | Regional Director Assistant Regional Director Dr. Elena S. De Luna 8 Regional Office FD Chiefs 3 ORD Unit Heads Mark Lito B. Gallano Eden Dadap Analuna Ganto-Morano Floramay Bacus 2 Drivers |
| Schools Division Office | 13 SDSs 13 Drivers |
| Media Personnel | 15 pax |
| Government Agencies | 20 Government Agency Representatives (DOH, LTO, DSWD, LEYECO, DICT, PNP, DTI, LMWD, AFP, PNP, OCD, |

4. The expenses for morning snacks, lunch, OBE advocacy T-shirts and other advocacy materials shall be charged to PAU Funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Travel expenses of the participants shall also be charged against their local funds.

5. Further, this Office shall set up the Oplan Balik Eskwela Public Assistance Command Center on July 15-26, 2024, to ensure prompt response to issues, queries, and concerns of the public relative to school opening and enrollment. The Schools Division Offices, District Offices, and schools are also required to set-up their OBE-PACC to directly address local issues, concerns, and queries relative to school opening and enrollment. The list of OBE-PACC composition with their contact details shall be submitted to pau.region8@deped.gov.ph on or before July 12, 2024.

6. The following shall compose the Regional OBE-PACC:

Chair: **Evelyn R. Fetalvero CESO IV**
Regional Director

Co-chair: **Ronelo Al K. Firmo PhD., CESO IV**
Assistant Regional Director

Vice-chair: **Jasmin F. Calzita**
Regional Information Officer

Members: **Atty. Eleanor C. Calumpiano**
Legal Officer (Legal Unit)

Jim Albert A. Lagado
ITO I (ICTU)

Mark Lito B. Gallano
Planning Officer III (PPRD)

Eden A. Dadap
PDO IV, LRPO (ESSD)

Floramay Q. Bacus
PDO II (PAU)

All Regional Functional Division Chiefs

7. All concerns relative to Oplan Balik Eskwela shall be coursed through Jasmin F. Calzita of the Public Affairs Unit (PAU) through these contact details: pau.region8@deped.gov.ph, 09085813548, and 09166425837.

8. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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By: *[Signature]* Date: *7/11/24*

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