



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

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **276** s. 2025

**ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW RIZAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
BARANGAY NEW RIZAL, CATARMAN, NORTHERN SAMAR**

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

1. This Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces that the request for establishment of **New Rizal National High School**, Barangay New Rizal, Catarman, Northern Samar, was approved by this Regional Office 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 Policy, Planning and Research Division of this Region through their Chief shall facilitate creation of the School I.D. and update the necessary information relative thereto.
3. The **Schools Division Superintendent of Northern Samar** is hereby directed to consider this integrated school in the budget preparation for its eventual inclusion in the immediately succeeding General Appropriations Act (GAA).
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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References: DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2014



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EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT OF SCHOOL'S APPLICATION
ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW RIZAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

BACKGROUND

The 1987 Philippine Constitution is the cornerstone of high-quality, easily accessible education. According to Article XIV, Section 1, "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 in charge of guaranteeing fair access and raising the standard of basic education in accordance with this constitutional mandate. Republic Act 9155, which guarantees that schools and learning centers receive the targeted attention, educational programs, projects, and services they need while taking into account the interests of all community members, further strengthens this commitment.

Reinforcing this commitment is Republic Act 9155, ensures that schools receive the focused attention, educational programs, projects, and services they require, taking into account the interests of all community members. The same Law emphasized the role and function of the Regional Director to approve the establishment of private and public schools to include learning centers. (Chapter 1, Section 7(b) 13). It is within this framework that the proposal for the establishment of New Rizal National High School has emerged. The compelling rationale for this school lies in its potential to significantly improve the community's access to quality education.

Since the proposed New Rizal National High School is located five kilometers away from the closest secondary school, it is anticipated that its opening will address the area's ongoing issues with dropout rates. Additional findings suggested that parents' inability to keep an eye on their children leads to resolve for both financial difficulties and teen pregnancy as expressed in the Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 2024-35-00.

FINDINGS:

1. The proposed **New Rizal National High School** has a total land area of 10,000.00 sq.m. which has enough buildable space for establishment of Junior High School and even for Senior High School. The school site is free from flooding and landslide based on the certification issued by the Mines and GeoSciences Bureau.
2. Thirty-five learners from New Rizal Elementary School could enroll in Grade 7.
3. Potential enrollees come from seven catchment barangays.


4. The Municipal Mayor, Hon., signed a Memorandum of Support expressing the LGU of Catarman's commitment signed by Francisco Aurelio E. Rosales III.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

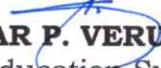
Based on the preceding evaluation and findings, the team respectfully submits the following recommendations:

1. The establishment of a secondary school officially named **New Rizal National High School** located in Barangay New Rizal, Catarman, Northern Samar.
2. The school is authorized to implement the K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum starting in the School Year 2025-2026.
3. The School operation shall be on a gradual basis. Thus, Curriculum Grades to be offered upon opening of classes for School Year 2025-2026 shall only be Grades 7 and 8 which may progress to the next grade levels in the succeeding years.
4. The LGU, both the Barangay and Municipal levels, and the parents shall provide financial support to the school until such time that operations will be covered by the DepEd Budget.
5. Finally, the Schools Division Superintendent of Northern Samar is responsible for ensuring the appointment of a qualified school head who meets the DepEd-Civil Service Commission Qualification Standards. The Superintendent will also secure qualified teaching and non-teaching personnel, school buildings, furniture, textbooks, and other learning resources, as well as ensure the inclusion of necessary funding in the General Appropriations Act for the sustained operation of the school.

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