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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF JOSEPH G. SAGONOY NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, DIVISION OF 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 **JOSEPH G. SAGONOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**, Brgy. Cabogaan, Silvino Lubos, Northern Samar is a newly approved Junior High School by this Regional Office through the 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 provision of School I.D. and update the necessary information relative thereto.
3. The concerned **Schools Division Office of Northern Samar** is hereby directed to consider this school in the budget preparation for its eventual inclusion in the immediate succeeding General Appropriation Act (GAA).
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT OF SCHOOL'S APPLICATION
ESTABLISHMENT OF JOSEPH G. SAGONOY NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

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 the kind of educational programs, projects, and services they need considering the interest of all members of the community, thus establishment of Joseph C. Sagonoy National High School, has been proposed. Compelling grounds such school immensely helps the community to easily access quality education.

The proposed Joseph G. Sagonoy National High School is in Barangay Cabonga-an, Silvino Lubos, Northern Samar. It occupies a total land area of 1.16 hectares, donated by the family of the late Joseph G. Sagonoy through a "Deed of Donation Inter Vivos." The catchment barangays namely Giguimitan, Victory, and Gebolwagan expressed their support to the proposed school's establishment, as they currently lack a Junior High School in their respective barangay. Consequently, their elementary school graduates face daily risks traveling to the nearest Junior High School, which requires frequent river crossings. The river's current is often unstable, particularly during rainy days, leading to frequent student absences. To address this issue, Silvino Lubos Vocational High School has conducted extension classes at Bangonga-an Elementary School for several years, covering Grades 7 to 10 classes. These classes are taught by eight regular permanent teachers deployed by the Schools Division Superintendent and School Heads from Silvino Lubos Vocational High School, Cabacungan National High School, and Allen National High School, and supported by four volunteer licensed teachers.

Furthermore, the proposed school's establishment will significantly improve the safety and well-being of local families by reducing the risks associated with their children's commute to school. This initiative will also fulfill children's rights and needs for access to quality education, enabling them to become productive and responsible members of the community.



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Thus, establishment of JOSEPH G. SAGONOY SCHOOL is being endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent of Northern Samar Division to the Regional Office for appropriate action.

FINDINGS:

1. The school projects the following enrollment for School Year 2025-2026: Grade 7 (96 students), Grade 8 (92 students), Grade 9 (41 students), and Grade 10 (35 students).
2. The school is located on a hillside, approximately 3.8 kilometers (aerial distance) from Barangay Cabonga, requiring a river crossing to reach the site.
3. Parents, students, and officials from the three barangays support the establishment of the proposed Joseph G. Sagonoy National High School.
4. The school features a one-story building with two classrooms, separated by a folding partition, funded by the provincial government. It also includes three restrooms and rainwater catchment collectors on the left side of the building.
5. During the ocular inspection, the Barangay Officials pledged to provide a "balsa" (raft) for river crossing and "tanods" (village watchmen) for the safety of students and teachers, free of charge.
6. The Local Government Unit (LGU) agreed to support the school's operational maintenance and other operating expenses for five years, or until such funding is included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA)/National Budget.
7. The school requires the following to be facilitated: electric grid connection, proper drainage system, additional classrooms to accommodate Grade 7 to 10 students, and other learning facilities, certificate from Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Clearance, Proof of school building donation to DepEd, Certificate of Occupancy. Assignment of teachers and a school head, signed by the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

1. The school shall be named **JOSEPH G. SAGONOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL** and is authorized to operate effective School Year 2025 – 2026.
2. The school will implement the K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum, beginning with Grade 7 only, for School Year 2025-2026.
3. The school's progression to subsequent grade levels in future years will depend on the availability of standard classrooms, learning laboratories (Science, Computer, Home Economics, Workshop Room, Industrial Arts), other learning facilities, and qualified teachers

4. The Chief of the Curriculum Instruction Division will facilitate ongoing monitoring of the school's curriculum implementation and provide necessary technical assistance.
5. The Local Government Unit may continue to provide operational and maintenance funding for at least five years, or until such funding is incorporated into the national budget.
6. Barangay officials may commit to advocating for the school's operation, providing available barangay resources and facilities to support initial development phases, coordinating with relevant agencies for permits and approvals, collaborating with the local government for support, and encouraging parents, community members, and organizations to participate in education and community development.
7. Parents are encouraged to promote school participation among other parents, assist with school-related activities, and collaborate with teachers, administrators, and fellow parents to ensure smooth school operations.
8. The Schools Division Superintendent will facilitate the provision of a school head who meets the DepEd-Civil Service Commission Qualification Standards for Secondary School, as well as teaching and non-teaching personnel, school buildings, furniture, textbooks, other learning resources, and the inclusion of necessary funding in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for school operations.

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