



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

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**UPDATED COMPOSITION OF THE REGIONAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE,  
SECRETARIAT, AND TECHNICAL WORKING COMMITTEE**

To: OIC-Regional Director  
Functional Division Chiefs  
All Others Concerned

1. In relation to the new designation of selected DepEd Region 8 personnel, this Office updates the composition of the Regional Research Committee (RRC), Secretariat, and Technical Working Committee (TWC) as follows:

a) Regional Research Committee

Dr. Ronelo Al K. Firmo CESO IV, Adviser  
OIC-Regional Director

Dr. Rita R. Dimakiling, Chairperson  
Chief Education Supervisor of PPRD

Dr. Elena S. De Luna, Co-Chairperson  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent

Dr. Harvie D. Villamor, Member  
Chief Education Supervisor of HRDD

Dr. Rosemarie M. Guino, Member  
Chief Education Supervisor of AD

Dr. Alejandra B. Lagumbay, Member  
Chief Education Supervisor of ESSD

Mr. Cesar P. Verunque, Member  
Chief Education Supervisor of QAD

Ms. Mercedes D. Sarmiento, Member  
Chief Administrative Officer/ Chief of FTAD

Ms. Alma E. Suyom, Member  
Chief Administrative Officer of FD

Dr. Dandy G. Acuin, Alternate to CLMD Chief  
Education Program Supervisor

Dr. Rowena T. Vacal, Alternate to HRDD Chief  
Education Program Supervisor

Dr. Jimmy G. Gula, Alternate to QAD Chief  
Education Program Supervisor

Ms. Geraldine M. Mangaliman, Alternate to FTAD Chief  
Education Program Supervisor

Ms. Gladys J. Fabillo, Alternate to FD Chief  
Supervising Administrative Officer

By invitation: Legal Officer and/or focal person of concerned functional  
division of learning area/program

- b) RRC Secretariat  
Ms. Jennylynd D. Daya  
Education Program Specialist II of PPRD

Ms. Hydelyn N. Cinco  
Planning Officer III of PPRD

- c) Technical Working Committee  
Maryjean S. Menil  
Education Program Supervisor-Designate of PPRD

Dr. Ernani S. Fernandez, Jr., Member  
Education Program Supervisor of CLMD

Ms. Dina S. Superable, Member  
Education Program Supervisor of HRDD

Mr. Clark Dave P. Arante, Member  
Senior Education Program Specialist of HRDD

Ms. Reylyn S. Esoy, Member  
Accountant II of FD

Ms. Mary Grace Antivo, Member  
Accountant II of FD

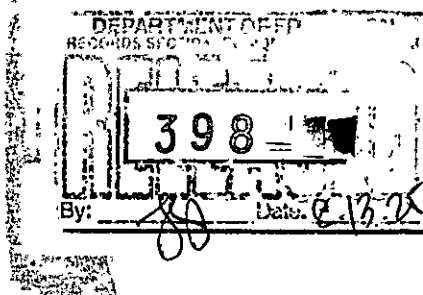
Ms. Judy Grace Y. Nirza, Member  
Accountant II of FD

By invitation: All Education Program Supervisors and Specialists

2. Pursuant to DepEd Order 16, s. 2017 (Research Management Guidelines) and DepEd Order 43, s. 2015 (Revised Guidelines for the Basic Education Research Fund), the members of the RRC are expected to do the following roles and responsibilities:

- a) Provide directions on research initiatives through the national and regional Basic Education Research Agenda (BERA), and other identified priority research areas in the region;
  - b) Evaluate and approve research proposals and other related research initiatives from the region and schools divisions, in particular, proposals to be funded under BERF or any other fund source lodged in the region;
  - c) Confirm school research proposals endorsed by the Schools Division Research Committee (SDRC);
  - d) Forge partnership with academic and research institutions on education research initiatives and projects;
  - e) Resolve emerging issues on the management and conduct of research;
  - f) Recommend release of regional research funds;
  - g) Provide feedback to the Regional Executive Committee on approved, ongoing, and completed research;
  - h) Ensure that cost estimates fall under the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations; and
  - i) Endorse appropriate research proposals for consideration as national level proposals to the NRC.
3. To facilitate the evaluation and approval of research proposals, the permanent alternates shall represent the RRC members during meetings and assist in evaluating research papers, in case of unavailability of the member.
4. The Secretariat shall deliver the following:
- a) Organize, facilitate, and document meetings of the Committee;
  - b) Conduct initial screening of submitted proposals for compliance with submission guidelines;
  - c) Aid RRC members in recommending proposals for approval as per the criteria and scoring template provided in Annex 4 of the RMG;
  - d) Coordinate with academic and research institutions in the conduct of the research;
  - e) Provide technical assistance to research initiatives in the schools division, and schools within the region;
  - f) Prepare periodic reports on accomplishments related to regional research initiatives and fund utilization;
  - g) Prepare complete staff work in support of the committee's functions as needed; and
  - h) Perform other related functions as maybe assigned.
5. The Technical Working Committee (TWC) shall conduct initial/actual technical evaluation of researches in terms of methods, designs, and financial requirements prior to the RRC evaluation.
6. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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