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Department of Education  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

January 8, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **33** S. 2026

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUIRINO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BRGY. QUIRINO, LAS NAVAS, NORTHERN SAMAR**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Regional Office Division Chiefs  
All Others Concerned

1. This Department of Education, Regional Office No. VIII announces that the request for the Establishment of **Quirino National High School**, Brgy. Quirino, Las Navas, Northern Samar, is duly approved by this Regional Office on January 8, 2026, 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 the provision of School I.D. and update the necessary information relative thereto.
3. The **Schools Division Superintendent** of the **Division of Northern Samar** is hereby directed to consider this school in the budget preparation for its eventual inclusion in the immediately succeeding General Appropriations Act (GAA).
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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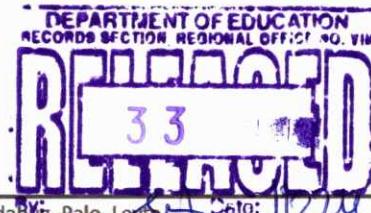
References: DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2014

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EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT OF SCHOOL'S APPLICATION

QUIRINO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
Brgy. Quirino, Las Navas, Northern Samar

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**BACKGROUND**

Anchored on Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and DepEd Order No. 36, s. 2013, which articulate DepEd's mission to protect and promote the right of every Filipino to quality, equitable, culture-based, and complete basic education, and in compliance with DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2014 on the *Establishment, Merging, Conversion, and Naming/Renaming of Public Schools and the Separation of Public School Annexes in Basic Education*, the initiative to establish a new secondary school was undertaken.

In support of this mandate, the Sangguniang Bayan of Las Navas, Northern Samar passed a Resolution No. 80, s. 2023, endorsing the establishment of Quirino National High School in the Municipality of Las Navas and formally forwarding the request to the Office of the Schools Division Superintendent, Northern Samar Division. This action was taken in response to the growing demand of parents from the community and nearby barangays to address the educational needs of learners who have completed the elementary level.

Further strengthening this initiative, the Sangguniang Bayan subsequently approved Resolution No. 81, s. 2023, authorizing the Municipal Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Education (DepEd), Schools Division of Northern Samar, represented by Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Gaudencio C. Aljibe, CESO VI, for the establishment of Quirino National High School. This establishment aims to provide accessible secondary education to Grade VI graduates and to significantly reduce the daily transportation burden of learners who would otherwise travel approximately four (4) kilometers to the nearest secondary school.

**FINDINGS:**

1. The School operates for almost 3 school years from Grade 7 to 10 as an annex to Las Navas National High School with four (4) makeshift classrooms funded by the Brgy. Officials;
2. There is an available school-site with an area of 10,000 sq. meters covered with a Deed of Donation executed by Hon. Lito D. Escala, Brgy. Chairman and Mr. Rowel Balbuena, OIC-School Head of the proposed Quirino National High School;
3. It has 4 catchment barangays. without secondary school, namely: Brgy. Imelda, Brgy. San Francisco and Brgy. E. Perez, Las Navas, and Brgy. Sta. Fe, Catubig, Northern Samar, respectively; and

4. The nearest secondary school is San Miguel National High School which is located four (4) kilometers away from Brgy. Quirino, Las Navas Northern Samar, with minimum fare of Php 100.00 for one way.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. The new high school shall be named as Quirino National High School and is authorized to operate effective School Year 2026- 2027.
2. The Schools Division Superintendent shall provide a school head to manage the newly-established school.
3. The Local Government Unit shall provide Financial Assistance to the newly-established school for at least five years or until such time that the school will be included in the GAA.
4. The Schools Division Superintendent shall facilitate the inclusion of the required appropriation in the immediately succeeding General Appropriations Act (GAA).
5. The Schools Division Superintendent shall provide teachers trained on the K to 12 Curriculum and consider additional regular teachers to this school to complete the number of teachers required to operate the newly established school.
6. The opening of the newly established school shall be on gradual basis, and that only grade 7 shall be offered upon opening of classes for School Year 2026-2027. The progression of its expansion for the next grade levels in Junior High School shall depend on the availability of the required resources upon approval of the Schools Division Superintendent.
7. The Schools Division Superintendent shall likewise allocate school buildings, chairs, textbooks, and other resources to the school.
8. The school shall work out for the change of the Deed of Donation which shall be executed between the Donor, and the Schools Division Superintendent being the representative of DepEd, as the Donee.

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