



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

March 10, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **317** s. 2026

**ESTABLISHMENT OF ABANGO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
BRGY. ABANGO, BARUGO, LEYTE**

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 Establishment of **Abango National High School**, Brgy. Abango, Barugo, Leyte, was approved by this Regional Office on March 10, 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 provision of School I.D. and update the necessary information relative thereto.
3. The **Schools Division Superintendent** of the **Division of Leyte** is hereby directed to consider this school in 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

ABANGO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Brgy. Abango, Barugo, Leyte

BACKGROUND

As provided in Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, *"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."*

In recognition of this constitutional mandate, the residents of Barangay Abango, Barugo, Leyte aspire to establish a secondary school that will provide their children with greater access to quality education. At present, many school-aged children encounter significant difficulty in pursuing their basic education due to distance and financial constraints. Barangay Abango is located approximately 5.30 kilometers from the Poblacion of Barugo and about 2.7 kilometers from the nearest secondary school in the Municipality of Tunga. Students must spend at least Php 60.00 daily for transportation (round trip) to attend school.

Given the economic situation of many families in the community, education often becomes secondary to more immediate needs such as food and daily sustenance. As a result, some children are unable to continue or complete their basic education. The establishment of a secondary school within Barangay Abango would make education more accessible and affordable for students from Barangays Abango, Balire, Sagkahan, and Cogon in the Municipality of Carigara, Leyte. This initiative would significantly reduce the burden of travel and transportation expenses, thereby encouraging more learners to pursue and complete their basic education.

With strong community support, the Barangay Officials of Barangay Abango, Barugo, Leyte passed a resolution urging the Schools Division Superintendent to establish a secondary school in their locality. The barangay officials likewise expressed their commitment to facilitate the acquisition of additional land to comply with the one-hectare lot requirement of the Department of Education (DepEd) for establishment of school. The proposal also gained the support of the Local Government Unit of Barugo and the Sangguniang Bayan, which passed Resolution No. 230, s. 2023 dated November 7, 2023, requesting the establishment of Abango National High School in Barangay Abango, Barugo, Leyte, and expressing their full commitment and support for the realization of this initiative.

FINDINGS:

1. The proposed school has already one (1) standard size classroom duly constructed by the Local Government Unit situated in Brgy. Abango, Barugo, Leyte;



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2. There is an available school-site with an area of 4,000 sq. meters covered with a Memorandum of Understanding executed by Mrs. Lucinda D. Quebec, School Head of Abango Elementary School and Mrs. Maribel C. Mobilla, School Head of the proposed Abango National High School;
3. It has 3 catchment barangays. without secondary school, namely: Brgy. Balire, Brgy. Sagkahan and Brgy. Cogon of Carigara, Leyte;
4. The nearest secondary school is Gregorio Catenza Memorial National High School which is located four (2.9) kilometers away from Brgy. Abangp, Barugo, Leyte, with minimum fare of Php 60.00 back and forth;
5. There is an approved Resolution duly signed by Hon. Aron C. Balais, MD. FPCEM, Municipal Mayor of Barugo, Leyte;
6. There is a certification duly signed by Hon. Aron C. Balais, MD. FPCEM, Municipal Mayor of Barugo, Leyte certifying that the Local Government Unit of Barugo, Leyte will continue to support Abango National High School on its going development, including funds, and maintenance for at least five (5) years or until such time that funds will be included in the National Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. The new high school shall be named as Abango 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.



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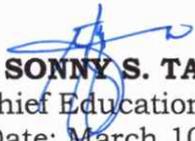


8. The school shall work out for the additional lot to complete the one (1) hectare requirement of DepEd for the Establishment of secondary school and shall likewise work out for the transfer of school site in the name of Abango National high School.

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