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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

Adviser: Dr. Salustiano T. Jimenez, CESO III
Regional Director

Chairperson: Dr. Marilyn B. Siao, CESO IV
Assistant Regional Director

Co-Chairperson: Dr. Rita R. Dimakiling
Chief Education Supervisor, PPRD

Members:

Dr. Gertrudes C. Mabutin
Chief Education Supervisor, CLMD

Dr. Harvie D. Villamor
Chief Education Supervisor, HRDD

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Chief Education Supervisor, Administrative Division

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

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Education Program Supervisor
Alternate to HRDD Chief

Mr. Sonny S. Tayum
Education Program Supervisor
Alternate to QAD Chief

Mr. Ariem V. Cinco
Administrative Officer V
Alternate to Administrative Division

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

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

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

b) RRC Secretariat

Atty. Jennylynd D. Daya
Education Program Specialist II of PPRD
Regional Research Coordinator

Ms. Hydelyn N. Cinco
Planning Officer III of PPRD

c) Technical Working Committee

Chairperson: Maryjean S. Menil
Education Program Supervisor-Designate of PPRD

Members:

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

Ms. Dina S. Superable
Education Program Supervisor of HRDD

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

Atty. Mary Grace Antivo
Accountant II of Finance Division

Ms. Judy Grace Y. Nirza, Member
Accountant II of Finance Division

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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