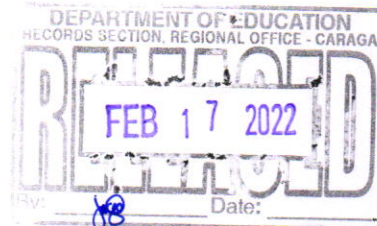




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION



February 17, 2022

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0099 s. 2022

TO: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
This Region

RESUMPTION OF THE ONLINE VALIDATION OF SCHOOLS APPLYING FOR THE
EXPANDED FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES

1. The field is hereby informed of the resumption of online validation of schools applying for the expanded Face-to-Face Classes on the following dates starting at 8:30 o'clock in the morning:

- a. 1st Batch - February 18, 2022
- b. 2nd Batch - February 23, 2022
- c. 3rd Batch - March 3, 2022

2. To facilitate the assignment of RFTATs, each SDO is required to submit the number of schools ready for validation **not later than 2:00PM of February 17, 2022 for the 1st Batch, February 22, 2022 for the 2nd Batch and March 2, 2022 for the 3rd Batch** to the Regional Office through ftad_caraga@deped.gov.ph or by sending a text message to 09066994033. Meeting links will be provided by the assigned RFTATs.

3. The activity aims to validate the safety and readiness of the schools recommended by the Schools Division Offices to ensure that standards and guidelines provided by DepEd and DOH are met and sustained by the additional identified schools.

4. Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are encouraged to recommend additional schools aside from those previously identified, provided that these schools passed the School Safety Assessment Tool (SSAT) as validated by the Division Personnel.

5. **Private schools** that intend to participate in the expanded Face-to-Face classes are also welcome. Same process shall be observed and these schools must meet the SSAT standard.

6. It is expected that Means of Verification (MOV) are readily available. It is recommended that that MOVs are saved in the google drive for validation and checking.

7. Attached is Office Order OO-OSEC-2022-003 re: Interim Guidelines on the Expansion of Limited Face-to-Face Classes for perusal.



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8. For strict compliance.

for. [Signature]
MA. GEMMA MERCADO LEDESMA
Regional Director *[Signature]*

Encls.: As stated

Reference: NONE

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

EXPANDED F2F CLASSES

VALIDATION

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OFFICE ORDER
OO-OSEC-2022-**003**

INTERIM GUIDELINES ON THE EXPANSION OF LIMITED FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES

To: Regional Directors
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the approval of the recommendation for progressive expansion by the President last January 17, 2022, all Regional Directors are authorized to continue the implementation of limited face-to-face classes of the original pilot schools, and the commencement of the progressive expansion phase for both public and private schools, under the following parameters:

- a. Expansion schools have been validated as compliant with the standards of School Safety Assessment Tool (SSAT);
- b. Schools must be in areas under Alert Levels 1 and 2 based on the periodic risk assessment by the Department of Health (DOH);
- c. Schools may already include other grade levels based on the capacity of schools;
- d. Schools or division must have secured the concurrence of the Local Chief Executive in the City or municipality where the expansion school is located, and the schools must also have taken the proper coordination with their respective barangay officials;
- e. Students participating in the face-to-face classes must have the written consent of their parents;
- f. Schools are given flexibility in contact time for teaching and learning, provided that meals are not taken in school except during managed recess; and
- g. Only vaccinated teachers may participate, and vaccinated learners shall be preferred.

2. The main protocols and standards in the DepEd-DOH Joint Memorandum Circular 001, s. 2021 shall remain applicable as appropriate, until a Revised Joint Memorandum along with the DepEd Implementation Guidelines are issued, containing the details of implementation of the expansion phase. Regional Directors are directed to ensure that all schools are assessed for readiness using SSAT and shall take appropriate steps to address the challenges encountered by schools in complying with SSAT standards.

3. Immediate dissemination of this Order is directed.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

JDMC/SMMA/APA: OO Interim Guidelines on the Expansion of Limited F2F Classes
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