



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION



March 5, 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0258, s. 2023

To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
This Region

PARTICIPATION TO THE 2023 WRITESHOP ON BRIGADA ESKWELA (BE)
IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

1. Pursuant to CO-EPS 2023-03-6, the External Partnership Services (EPS) will be conducting a writeshop on Brigada Eskwela Policy Guidelines on April 12 -14, 2023 at Ecotech, Lahug, and Cebu City.

2. The following DepEd personnel are requested to participate the said activity:

NAME	POSITION	OFFICE
Manuel O. Caberte	Schools Division Superintendent	Dinagat Island
Raquel C. Cultura	Division BE Coordinator	Surigao City
Marisol Galido	School Principal, Claver NHS	Surigao del Norte
Bernabe L. Linog	Chief -ESSD	Regional Office
Adrilene Mae J. Castanos	Regional BE coordinator	Regional Office

3. For more details, please refer to CO-EPS 2023-03-6 or contact the Regional BE coordinator via adrilenemae.castanos@deped.gov.ph.

4. For immediate and wide dissemination.


MA. GEMMA MERCADO LEDESMA
Regional Director

Encl/s.: CO-EPS 2023-03-6

Reference/s: NONE

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

BRIGADA ESKWELA

GUIDELINES

WRITESHOP

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MEMORANDUM

**FOR : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
CONCERNED SCHOOL DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOCAL PERSONS**

**FROM : 
MARGARITA CONSOLACION C. BALLESTEROS, PhD
Director IV**

**SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF 2023 WRITESHOP ON BRIGADA ESKWELA
IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES**

DATE : March 27, 2023

The Department of Education (DepEd), has first implemented the *Brigada Eskwela* or the National Schools Maintenance Week with the issuance of DepEd Memorandum No. 79 in 2003 consistent with Republic Act 8525 otherwise known as the Adopt-A-School Program Act of 1998. From 2003 up to the present, *Brigada Eskwela* serves as one of the major initiatives of DepEd involving all the sectors of the community to help prepare public schools for the opening of classes.

The *Brigada Eskwela* program enjoins participating schools to conduct a week-long event organizing local communities in order to work together in preparing the schools for the opening of classes. The program brings together parents, students, alumni, civic groups, local businesses, non-government organizations and individuals who volunteer their time and skills to do classroom repairs, maintenance work, and clean-up of public elementary and secondary schools. Besides community organizing, it also addresses resource gaps of schools through strengthening public-private partnership and allowing them to sponsor or provide financial support in any school program.

Through the years, the program, through the efforts and support of various stakeholders and external partners, have resulted in improved schools' facilities and better learning environment. However, schools experience challenges in program implementation due to resource constraints against expected deliverables.

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Below are the issues and challenges encountered relative to the program implementation of *Brigada Eskwela*:

1. **Insufficient capacity of schools to implement the program.** Due to the limited budget and manpower, several public schools find it difficult to achieve overwhelming expected outputs and activities prior to school opening.
2. **Difficulty in sustaining partnership with volunteers and external stakeholders.** Despite the participation of communities and volunteers in various sectors (NGOs and other government agencies), several schools experience difficulty in sustaining their partnership with volunteers and external stakeholders caused by the unnecessary and or too much pressure on external partners to provide donations and services in order to address the lack of additional resources to supplement school operations.
3. **Reluctance or unwillingness of teachers to participate.** Teachers and school heads expressed concerns due to the overwhelming tasks expected of them relative to the *Brigada Eskwela*.

The Planning Service of the Department of Education recommended a comprehensive program evaluation leading to policy formulation which shall be issued as a DepEd Order in order to institutionalize an effective and efficient *Brigada Eskwela* Program implementation.

Below are the recommendations of Planning Service:

1. Identify appropriate activities relative to the outcome/s and goal/s of the program.
2. Identify the roles and responsibilities across all governance levels.
3. Adopt guidelines on external partnerships.

In response to the recommendation, the External Partnerships Service (EPS) will be conducting a Writeshop on *Brigada Eskwela* Policy Guidelines on April 12-14, 2023 in DepEd Ecotech Center, Lahug Cebu City.

In this regard, may we request the following personnel listed on the attached document to participate in the said Writeshop.

Also attached is the indicative program for your reference.

For any concern, your staff may contact the EPS personnel:

Office of the External Partnerships Service

Attention:

ZENY B. LASTIMOZA

External Partnerships Service - Private Sector Partnership Unit (EPS-PSPU)

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Thank you very much and we look forward to your support and participation in this activity.

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ATTACHMENT 1**LIST OF TARGET PARTICIPANTS**

REGION I	PARTICIPANTS
ESSD Chief	Sarah Q. Casuga
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Darius C. Nieto
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
REGION II	
ESSD Chief	Joselito Narag
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Ferdinand C. Francisco
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
REGION III	
ESSD Chief	Sammy P. Sampang
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Ginno Jhep Pacquing
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
Schools Division Superintendent	One attendee for the region on the participation of the SDS to be identified by the Regional Director
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
REGION IV-A	
ESSD Chief	Michael Girard R. Alba
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Wilbert Ulpindo
SGOD Chief	One attendee for the region on the participation of the SGOD Chief identified by the ESSD Chief and approved by the SDS
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved

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REGION IV-B	
ESSD Chief	Esmeraldo G. Lalo
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Liza Marie Victoria M. Dillena
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
REGION V	
Regional Director	RD Gilbert T. Sadsad
ESSD Chief	Ronald C. Asis
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Maria Cristina G. Baroso
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
REGION VI	
ESSD Chief	Amelita C. Pitalgo
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Ma. Lira Cynthia B. Quejada
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
Schools Division Superintendent	One attendee for the region on the participation of the SDS to be identified by the Regional Director
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
REGION VII	
Regional Director	RD Salustiano T. Jimenez
ESSD Chief	Tomas T. Pastor
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Berna J. Ysulan
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
REGION VIII	
ESSD Chief	Rosemarie M. Guino
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Eden A. Dadap
SGOD Chief	One attendee for the region on the

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Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
REGION IX	
ESSD Chief	Shiela Rose B. Apiag
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Rowena B. Balsamo
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
REGION X	
ESSD Chief	Myron Gil D. Talosig
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Ricardo G. Dragon
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
REGION XI	
Regional Director	RD Allan G. Farnazo
ESSD Chief	Warlito E. Hua
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Engr. Alim J. Maguindanao
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
REGION XII	
ESSD Chief	Napoleon J. Gio
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Ismael Noman Ngitngit, Jr.
SGOD Chief	One attendee for the region on the participation of the SGOD Chief to be identified by the ESSD Chief and approved by the SDS
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified

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School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
REGION XIII	
ESSD Chief	Bernabe L. Linog
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Adrilene Mae J. Castaños
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
Schools Division Superintendent	One attendee for the region on the participation of the SDS to be identified by the Regional Director
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
NCR	
ESSD Chief	Crisanto A. Ecija
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Joan R. Pedroche
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
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ESSD Chief	Edgar H. Madlaing
Regional Partnership Focal Person	Mayclaire Jimenez
Division Partnership Focal Person	One attendee for the region on the participation of the DPFP to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS
School Head	One attendee from the region for the participation of the School Head/Principal to be identified by the RPFP and approved by the SDS

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2023 WRITESHOP ON BRIGADA ESKWELA GUIDELINES

Ecotech, Sudlon Lahug Cebu City

April 12-14, 2023

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

DATE and TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON-IN CHARGE
April 12, 2023, Wednesday		
7:00 AM-8:00 AM	Registration	
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Opening Program	EPS
	Preliminaries:	EPS
	- Welcome Message	Salustiano T. Jimenez, CESO V Regional Director, DepEd Region VII
	- Opening Remarks and Statement of Purpose	Dr. Margarita Consolacion C. Ballesteros Director IV - EPS
9:00AM-12:00NN	Introduction to DepEd Policy Formulation Guidelines	Planning Service
12:00 PM-1:00PM	Lunch Break	
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Workshop on Policy Review and Policy Development	Planning Service, EPS and participants
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Tea Break	
3:15 PM – 4:45 PM	Workshop on Policy Analysis and Policy Formulation	Planning Service, EPS and participants
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Debriefing of the 1 st day	

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April 13, 2023, Thursday		
8:00 AM-8:30 AM	Wellness Program	All participants
8:30 AM-10:00 AM	Presentation of the Regional Offices best <i>Brigada Eskwela</i> practices	All participants
10:00 AM-10:15 AM	Tea/Health Break	
10:15 AM-12:00 PM	Presentation of Output	All participants
12:00PM – 1:00PM	Lunch Break	
1:00PM – 5:00PM	Crafting of the Brigada Eskwela Policy Guidelines	Planning Service, EPS and participants
April 14, 2023		
8:00AM – 12:00PM	Continuation of the Crafting of the Brigada Eskwela Policy Guidelines	All participants
1:00PM – 3:00PM	Presentation of Outputs	All participants
3:00PM – 5:00PM	Presentation of the Finalized Guidelines	EPS
	Synthesis	Rolly V. Soriano
	Closing Program	Project Development Officer IV

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TRAVEL AUTHORITY
Date: March 28, 2023

Name and Position Title	Bernabe L. Linog – Chief, ESSD Adriene Mae J. Castaños- PDO IV
Office (Section):	ESSD
Purpose of Travel:	To attend in the Conduct of 2023 Writeshop on Brigada Eskwela Implementing Guidelines
Legal Basis/ Memo/Call Up:	Memorandum from CO
Destination and Date	April 12-14, 2023 DepEd Ecotech center, Lahug, Cebu City
Expenses Covered	Per diem and travelling expenses
Fund Source:	MOOE

Requested by:

BERNABE L. LINOG
Chief, ESSD

ADRIENE MAE J. CASTAÑOS
PDO IV

Recommended for Approval:

ATTY. FIEL Y. ALMENDRA, CESO IV
Director III

Approved:

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