



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION XIII-Caraga
Butuan City



May, 4, 2018

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM No. 244, s 2018

CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF DepEd ELECTION TASK FORCE
FOR BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN

TO: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ICT Unit, PAU, and LEGAL
This Region

1. The Commission on Election will conduct a synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Election scheduled on May 14, 2018 thereby designated some of our public school teachers to act as members of the Election Board.

2. DepEd is encouraged to re-establish DepEd Election Task Force which existence shall ensure the provision of adequate information, technical, and legal assistance for teaching and non-teaching personnel who will serve in the course of the said local election.

3. Anent thereto, All Units under the Office of the Regional Director are hereby designated to constitute the DepEd Regional Election Task Force which set up be held in DepEd Caraga to serve the prescribed purposes.

3. Similarly, all Schools Division Superintendents throughout this region are likewise directed to create their own Election Task Force and submit all their names with respective mobile numbers not later than May 9, 2018 to facilitate smooth communication and proper reference thereto.

4. All members of the election task force are mandated to perform their function or duty which commences on 13 May 2018, 2PM until 12NN of 15 May 2018.

5. You are entitled to claim foods, honoraria, and CTO subject to the existing and implementing rules, policies, and guidelines thereof.

6. Other significant instructions are narrated in the details of the attached memorandum herewith.

7. For your information, guidance, and compliance.


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**THE MAY 14, 2018 ELECTIONS
BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN**

Nature & Concept of Barangay and SK Elections

The 2018 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE2018) scheduled on 14 May 2018 shall be non-partisan, expeditious and inexpensive as provided for in Section 38, Article VI of BP 881. The conduct of elections shall be MANUAL, and the public/private school teachers who will conduct the voting and counting will now be referred as Electoral Board (RA 10756).

There should be one (1) Electoral Board for every clustered precinct composed of the Chairperson, Poll Clerk and Third member who must all be qualified, willing and available. They are responsible for the following:

1. Conducts voting and counting for Barangay and SK elections;
2. Prepare the Election Returns (ERs);
3. Announce results in the precinct;
4. Submit the ERs to Board of Canvassers, if mono precinct, convert into Barangay Board of Canvassers (BBOC)

Under Republic Act No. 1076 otherwise knowns as the Election Service Reform Act (ESRA), election duties shall no longer be compulsory to public school teachers. Thus, the order of preference for appointment to the Electoral Board are as follows:

Right of Preference – Public School Teachers



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Qualified Substitute (on call provisions, Sec. 8 of COMELEC Resolution 10211):

- Private School Teachers;
- National Government Employees (excluding uniformed personnel of DND and PNP);
- Accredited citizen's arms or other civil society;
- Any registered voter of the city or municipality of known integrity and competence

Members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) may be deputized as Electoral Board:

- When the peace and order situation warrant;
- There are no other qualified, willing and available persons

Honoraria, Allowances and other Benefits (RA 10756)

	Honoraria	Travel Allowance
Chairperson	P 6,000.00	P 1,000.00
Member	P 5,000.00	P 1,000.00
DepEd Supervisor Official (DESO), one for every Voting Center	P 4,000.00	P 1,000.00
Support Staff	P 2,000.00	P 1,000.00

(subject to tax, to be discussed)

- Service Credits – five (5) days
- Other benefits"
 - Death Benefits P 500,000.00
 - Medical Assistance P 200,000.00
 - Legal Indemnification Package P 50,000.00

Positions Contested

- Barangay Elections
 - One (1) Punong Barangay 42,041
 - Seven (7) Sangguniang
Barangay Kagawad (42,041x7) 294,287

Total Positions Contested 336,328
- Sangguniang Kabataan Elections
 - One (1) SK Chairman 42,041
 - Seven (7) Sangguniang
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Age Bracket of Voters

- 18 years old and above – Barangay voters
- 15 to 30 years old – SK voters
- Barangay voters 18-30 years old will automatically be included as SK voters

Official Ballots to be Issued

- 31 and above – one (1) Official Ballot (barangay only)
- 18-30 voters – Two (2) Official Ballots (barangay and SK)
- 15-17 voters – one (1) Official Ballot (SK only)

Important Dates

Inclusive Dates	Activities	Prohibited Acts
14 April 2018 (Saturday) to 21 May 2018 (Friday)	Election Period	Transfer or detail of officers and employees in the Civil Service including public school teachers (Sec. 261 (h) OEC); Raising of funds thru dances, lotteries, cockfights, etc. (Sec. 97 OEC);
04 May 2018 (Friday) to 13 May 2018 (Sunday)	Campaign Period	Appointment or Hiring of new employees, creation of new positions, promotions, giving of salary increases, remuneration or privileges (Sec. 261 (g) OEC) as amended
13 May 2018	Eve of Election	Giving, Accepting free transportation, food, drinks and things of value
14 May 2018	Election Day Casting of votes (7:00 am to 3:00 pm)	



	Counting, Canvassing of votes and proclamation of winning candidates immediately after closing of polls	
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On the other hand, DepEd's School Calendar for School Year 2017-2018 (DepEd Order No 25, s. 2017) provides for the following dates which directly conflicts with the Barangay and SK Election Preparations since our public school teachers are the ones who are designated/appointed as Chair and Members of the Electoral Board:

- 16 April 2018 to 25 May 2018 – Summer/Remedial Classes;
- 14 to 18 May 2018 – Brigada Eskwela;

Specifically, there is be a need to adjust the date intended for Brigada Eskwela since public schools are utilized as Voting Centers and polling precincts every election. The period set forth in the DepEd School Calendar will directly coincide with the 2018 Synchronized Barangay and SK Elections, thus, an advisory to all field offices is necessary on this matter.

Proposed Adjustments of Brigada Eskwela Activites

- May 22, Tuesday - Inspection of School Recipients of Brigada Eskwela sa Marawi
- May 23, Wednesday, 1st Year Anniversary of Marawi Siege - Closing of Brigada Eskwela sa Marawi and Launching of Oplan Balik Eskwela sa Marawi
- May 24, Thursday, General Santos City - Kick-off of National Brigada sa Eskwela
- May 25-27, Friday-Sunday - National Brigada
- May 28, Monday, to June 2, Saturday - Oplan Balik Eskwela

Proposed DepEd Activities for the 2018 Barangay and SK Elections

1. Signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between DepEd and COMELEC
 - To protect and promote the welfare of the public school teachers, principals, supervisors, and other employees of DepEd who will serve



during the 14 May 2018 Barangay and SK Elections and to ensure that the law is observed with regard to their honoraria, allowances and other benefits.

2. Re-establishment of the DepEd Election Task Force and Monitoring Center

- Ensure that public school teachers shall be provided with adequate information, technical and legal assistance in the course of the performance of their duties as members of the Electoral Board as well as DepEd Non-teaching personnel and who will serve during the 14 May 2018 Barangay and SK Elections.
- It will be set up at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue Pasig City on 13 May 2018, 2 PM until 12NN of 15 May 2018. Regional and Division offices are also encouraged to set up their respective Task Force and Monitoring Center.
- The DepEd Election Task Force Operation Center shall serve as DepEd's institutional link to volunteer organization individuals as well as partner agencies involved in the 14 May 2018 Barangay and SK Elections, i.e. PNP, DND-AFP, DILG.



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