



DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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TO : ALL PSDSs/DICs/ School Heads/ Brigada Eskwela Coordinators

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Subject : **PREPARATION FOR 2019 BRIGADA ESKWELA**

Date : **January 25, 2019**

1. In consonance with the result of the 4th National Partnership Management Committee (MANCOM) meeting, the 2019 Brigada Eskwela shall be conducted on **May 20-25** with the theme, **Matatag na Bayan para sa Maunlad na Paaralan**. Please note that the date may be subject to change until signed by Secretary Leonor M. Briones.
2. For this school year, the division of Surigao del Sur aims to address schools' inadequacy in **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)** facilities, pursuant to Deped Order No. 10, s. 2016: Policy and Guidelines for the Implementation of the Comprehensive **WASH in Schools (WinS) Program**.
3. Through the Brigada Eskwela, the following WinS activities and provisions can be mobilized:
 - Provision of water supply, through connection to barangay water networks, construction of water pumping system, and/or installation of rainwater catchments;
 - Construction of additional toilets, particularly gender-segregated toilets for boys and girls;
 - Repair and improvement of existing toilets, including desludging, to ensure functionality, privacy, comfort and security for children, especially girls;
 - Improving accessibility to water, toilets, and handwashing facilities through provision of concrete footpaths, disability ramps and roofing;
 - Provision of rest space for menstruating girls that are private, secure and comfortable;
 - Improvement of drainages, cleaning of roof gutters and elimination of stagnant water;
 - Provision of hygiene supplies: soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, sanitary pads, etc., cleaning materials;
 - Improvement of solid waste management, including the provision of garbage bins for waste segregation, compost pits and material recovery facilities and/or securing local garbage collection services;
 - Putting up hygiene messages in strategic places (toilets and eating places to motivate proper use of toilets and handwashing at critical times, especially after using the toilet and before eating);
 - Orientation of parents and other stakeholders on WinS and engaging their support for developing proper WASH practices at home and the community; and
 - Orientation and certification of canteen operators, vendors and food handlers on proper hygiene and sanitary food preparation and handling.
4. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with this memorandum is desired.