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CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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### PLASTIC BANK SCHOOLS RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Plastic Bank Philippines is inviting interested schools to participate in the Plastic Bank Schools Recycling Program, a practical and trackable school-based plastic recovery initiative that promotes environmental responsibility through a structured collection system and verified reporting process.

Participation in the said activity shall be **strictly voluntary**. Any expenses to be incurred by participants shall be charged to **personal funds or may be sourced from legitimate local government unit donors**, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Participants are likewise reminded to strictly observe the **Time-on-Task Policy and ensure compliance with the No Disruption of Classes Policy of the Department, pursuant to DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005**.

Enclosed is the official communication from The Plastic Bank Philippines for reference and other details.

Dissemination of this advisory is desired.

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Dear Sir Celedonio,

Good day!

On behalf of Plastic Bank, we respectfully seek the **partnership of your Schools Division Office** for the implementation of the **Plastic Bank Schools Recycling Program**, a practical, trackable, and school-based plastic recovery initiative that can support and strengthen the existing DepEd WinS Program on solid waste management in schools. This initiative is supported by the ZUG–SIG Project and is proposed for rollout in public and private schools within your Division.

The **ZUG–SIG Project** is a collaboration supported by **ZUG (Zukunft – Umwelt – Gesellschaft)**, a German government–owned, non-profit project management agency established by Germany’s Federal Ministry for the Environment. ZUG is mandated to implement and supervise environmental and climate-related programs, including international initiatives on waste reduction and marine litter. ZUG partners with SIG, a global packaging solutions company, to support projects that ensure recyclable materials are properly recovered and recycled.

Through this collaboration, the ZUG–SIG Project works across Southeast Asia to reduce plastic waste and promote responsible recycling by supporting schools, communities, and institutions with practical, trackable, and incentive-based waste recovery systems.

**Alignment with DepEd Memorandum No. 068, s. 2021 and DepEd Order No. 10, s. 2016 (WinS)**

DepEd Memorandum No. 068, s. 2021 encourages schools to strengthen solid waste management and adopt innovative environmental programs. Likewise, DepEd Order No. 10, s. 2016 (Policy and Guidelines for the Comprehensive Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Schools Program) mandates schools to practice proper solid waste management, including:

- **Mandatory waste segregation;** and
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- **Establishing functional waste management systems and partnerships.**

The Plastic Bank Schools Program directly supports these requirements by providing a structured and trackable waste recovery mechanism that schools can readily integrate into their existing solid waste management initiatives.

Most importantly, participation in the program can help schools **meet and exceed the criteria under the DepEd Three-Star Approach**, and support schools in working toward a **3-Star rating for Solid Waste Management**, as reflected in the attached reference.

**Benefits of Participating**  
Through the Plastic Bank Schools Program, participating schools will be able to:

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- Strengthen compliance with DepEd solid waste management guidelines and support progress toward Three-Star performance;
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- Earn Digital Rewards for plastic collections contributed by students, teachers, and even students' households. These rewards can be used to support school initiatives, including WinS–Sanitation programs—such as purchasing hand soaps and other supplies needed to maintain functional handwashing facilities.
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- Engage students, teachers, and personnel in a gamified, curriculum-supportive recycling activity that fosters environmental leadership;
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- Receive formal recognition, including digital certificates and documented results for verified plastic recovery and sustainability performance; and
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- Recognize and support key school personnel particularly utility staff and/or designated recycling champions through clear roles and formal acknowledgment.

The program is designed to integrate smoothly into existing school operations and can also extend environmental awareness beyond the campus, reaching students' households and the wider community.

To formalize our partnership, we are happy to share with you the following documents for your review and approval ([included in the partnership primer](#)):

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- **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA);**
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- **Project Proposal;**
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- **One-Pager Project Brief;** and
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- **Reference material** on the DepEd Three-Star Approach / 3-Star SWM rating criteria (as cited above).

Thank you for your continued commitment to education and environmental stewardship. We look forward to the possibility of partnering with your office in advancing responsible plastic recycling and supporting the schools in your division achieving the 3-Star rating for Solid Waste Management.

For confirmation or inquiries, you may contact me at **0976-043-5470** or [paulorpiada@plasticbank.com](mailto:paulorpiada@plasticbank.com).