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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

June 15, 2020 – As we continue to prepare for a challenging school year ahead of us, the Department of Education (DepEd) maintains its commitment of ensuring the safety of our learners, teachers, and parents in these difficult times. We thank our parents and teachers for supporting our mission of offering learning opportunities amid the COVID-19 pandemic, evident by more than 10 million learners nationwide who registered remotely in the first two weeks of the enrollment period. With this development, we reiterate that we are one with the President in saying that the health of our learners is non-negotiable and no face-to-face classes will be conducted until the safety of all is assured.

Moving forward, we will continue to conduct remote enrollment while we will open the drop box system of enrollment, which will be ready starting tomorrow as provided in DepEd Order No. 007, s. 2020. These drop box/kiosks, which could be found in barangay halls or schools, will be set-up only for picking up and dropping-off the Learner Enrollment Survey Form (LESF).

Please follow the general instructions before heading to the drop box kiosks:

- Drop box kiosks will only cater to those parents who do not have access to remote means (text, call, online and social media) to communicate with their schools but wish to enroll their child.
- Only one adult from a household with quarantine pass will be allowed to go to these kiosks.
- Parents and guardians needing assistance are advised to ask their respective barangay leadership in this transaction.
- Parents and guardians must be familiar with the advisory of the school or barangay on designated pick up and submission points before going out.

We have recently set out instructions to our regional offices in order to manage a safe and smooth of this enrollment process. In this regard, we have received updates from our Regional Directors on various feasible arrangements, which they have been preparing for and coordinating with local officials since the start of enrollment.

We have also instructed schools to coordinate with barangay officials in the distribution and retrieval of LESFs. To ensure that minimum health standards are met, markings and signage will be in place to ensure proper social distancing while teachers and personnel stationed at the enrollment kiosks will be provided with face masks and disinfectants during the course of the enrollment process.

This school year's enrollment is crucial to our preparation as it will validate the data of the early registration done in January and if learners in other grade levels will continue to avail of the education services of the Department.

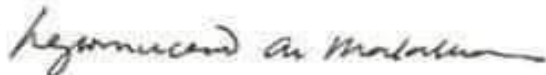
In the past months, our united effort in ensuring the health and welfare of everyone while opening up education opportunities for all have shown promising results. Let us continue the spirit of Bayanihan as we proceed with the enrollment period and into a safe and secure conduct of School Year 2020-2021.

For queries and clarifications regarding the enrolment and other initiatives of the Department for the upcoming school year, please call telephone numbers (02) 8636-1663; (02) 8633-1942; mobile phone numbers 0919-456-0027; 0995-921-8461; or email at action@deped.gov.ph.

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS



FROM : UNDERSECRETARY NEPOMUCENO MALALUAN
Chief of Staff of the Secretary

SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON WORK ARRANGEMENT FOR THE FACE-TO-FACE ENROLLMENT BEGINNING JUNE 16, 2020

DATE : June 15, 2020

While my office has exerted all efforts to finish last week the review of the Guidelines on Alternative Work Arrangements for endorsement to the Secretary, unfortunately there remains provisions requiring final clarifications with concerned members of the Execom.

Given that tomorrow is the start of allowing face-to-face enrollment arrangements, may I furnish you the effectivity and transitory portion of the draft Guidelines, which may serve as guidance for the work arrangement beginning tomorrow, even as we exert all efforts to have the reviewed guidelines endorsed to the Secretary today for her consideration/approval.

The said provision is as follows:

"This Order shall take effect immediately upon issuance and shall remain in force until the State of National Emergency has been lifted by the President. However, to avoid risks of exposure, and to allow for the proper determination and understanding of alternative work arrangements under these guidelines, the status quo on work arrangements for officials, teaching and nonteaching personnel in the entire DepEd nationwide is extended until June 21, 2020. All teachers in DepEd schools nationwide shall continue to work from home until June 21, 2020, except those authorized by the Regional Directors to render work in field or school in light of the ongoing enrollment, subject to strict observance of COVID-19 health and safety precautions."

May I, on behalf of the Secretary, reiterate the high importance of ensuring that clear instructions are given to our teachers for safe and orderly face-to-face enrollment arrangements, which we are aware you have already planned well ahead of time.

Thank you.
