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Department of Education
Region VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BOHOL

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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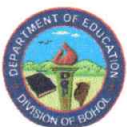
DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 352, s. 2020

OPENING OF CLASSES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

TO: *Assistant Schools Division Superintendents*
Chiefs- SGOD & CID
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors/Acting PSDSs
Principals, School Heads/TICs of Public & Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the Memorandum from Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea dated August 14, 2020 and Advisory from Office of DepEd Secretary dated August 15, 2020, the new date for the start of classes for School Year 2020-2021 will be on October 5, 2020, as recommended by the Secretary of Education in light of the implications of the imposition of the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) in Metro Manila and other provinces.
2. This is pursuant also to Republic Act (RA) No. 11480, which amended RA No. 7797, that gives the President flexibility to adjust opening of classes upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Education. He may set a date later than the last day of August for the start of the school year in the country or parts thereof in the event of a declaration of a state of emergency or state of calamity.
3. Attention is invited to paragraph 3 of the DepEd Advisory clarifying that private schools or non-DepEd schools that have already started their classes, or are scheduled to start classes on August 24 or on other dates ahead of October 5, are allowed to proceed provided they are strictly using only distance learning modalities and that there are no face-to-face classes. These schools shall submit the relevant documents to the Regional Director as required by DepEd Order No. 7, s. 2020 (School Calendar and Activities for School Year 2020-2021) as well as DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2020 and DepEd Order No. 17, s. 2020 on readiness assessment
4. For more information, attached please find are the enclosures, to wit:
 - *Memorandum from Executive Secretary, Salvador C. Medialdea dated August 14, 2020; and*
 - *Advisory from Office of DepEd Secretary dated August 15, 2020.*



4. Widest dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


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MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

TO : **SECRETARY LEONOR M. BRIONES**
Department of Education (DepEd)

SUBJECT : **OPENING OF CLASSES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021**

DATE : 14 August 2020


Please be informed that pursuant to the instructions of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, and as recommended by the DepEd, the opening of classes is deferred to **05 October 2020**. In this regard, the DepEd is hereby instructed to ensure that all preparations have been made for the smooth and successful virtual opening of classes for Academic Year 2020-2021.

For your information and guidance.

By authority of the President.


SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA

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BETTY C. OCHOA
08/19/2020
DIRECTOR IV



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ADVISORY

August 15, 2020 – The Department of Education (DepEd) earlier announced the decision of the President to defer the school opening for School Year (SY) 2020-2021 from August 24, 2020 to October 5, 2020, as recommended by the Secretary of Education in light of the implications of the imposition of the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) in Metro Manila and in the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Rizal and Bulacan.

This is pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 11480, which amended RA No. 7797, providing that the President, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Education, may set a date later than the last day of August for the start of the school year in the country or parts thereof in the event of a declaration of a state of emergency or state of calamity.

After conferring with the Office of the Executive Secretary on the applicability of the decision to private schools and other non-DepEd schools, DepEd hereby clarifies that such private or non-DepEd schools that have already started their classes, or are scheduled to start classes on August 24 or on other dates ahead of October 5, are allowed to proceed provided they are strictly using only distance learning modalities and that there are no face-to-face classes. These schools shall submit the relevant documents to the Regional Director as required by DepEd Order No. 7, s. 2020 (School Calendar and Activities for School Year 2020-2021) as well as DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2020 and DepEd Order No. 17, s. 2020 on readiness assessment.

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