



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
Schools Division of Abra  
Bangued, Abra



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Division MEMORANDUM  
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**BRIGADA ESKWELA 2017 PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES**

To: **Chief Education Program Supervisor  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
SGOD Education Program Supervisor and Specialists  
Administrative Officers  
Project Development Officers  
Secondary and Elementary School Heads  
All others concerned**

1. The Department of Education Schools Division of Abra will conduct the 2017 Brigada Eskwela with the theme "Isang DepEd, Isang Pamayanan, Isang Bayanihan Para sa Handa at Ligtas na Paaralan" from May 15-20, 2017. The Brigada Eskwela is the National Schools' Maintenance Week that aims to bring together all education stakeholders to participate and contribute their time, effort and resources to prepare public school facilities ready for the opening of the school year in June.

2. On May 15, 2017, the Schools Division of Abra shall hold the Division Kick-off ceremony of the Brigada Eskwela at Abra High School of Bangued. Participants to the Kick-off ceremony are as follows:

Public Schools District supervisors	10
Education Program Supervisors	11
Office of the SDS/CID Chief	2
Schools Governance & Operations Division	11
Administrative Officers/Other DepEd Personnel/COA	12
Personnel from the host school (AHS)	12
NAPSSHI	12
PESFA	12
Bangued West CS	5
Bangued East CS	5
Sinalang Pilot ES	5
Pidigan CS	5
Marc Ysrael Bernos Memorial NHS	5
Mudeng ES	5
Tayum CS	5
Peñarubbia IS	5
Suyo National HS	5
Gaddani National HS	5
La Paz CS	5
Parent Teachers Association	10
Provincial Government	5
Local Government Units (LGUs)	10
Other External Stakeholders	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>

3. Launching of the Brigada Eskwela shall also be conducted in every school in the Division. School Heads shall take the lead role in planning the activities geared on making schools ecologically conscious, resilient, clean and conducive to learning. Important reminders to school heads in the conduct of this activity are indicated in Enclosure No. 1.

All Division personnel are encouraged to join the Brigada Eskwela activities by offering their skills and by sharing their or providing their assistance in-kind, and by supporting public schools near their respective residence. Interested employees are given two days to do volunteer work on official time, provided that such work is approved by the Schools Division Superintendent.

5. Schedules of activities for the 2017 Brigada implementation are as follows:

Activity	Schedule
<b>a. Occular of the identified schools under the Division's Innamuyo Program</b>	
Pidigan Central School	May 2, 2017
Suyo National HS	May 2, 2017
Peñarubbia Integrated School	May 2, 2017
Tayum Central School	May 3, 2017
Gaddani National High School	May 3, 2017
Mudeng Elementary School	May 3, 2017
Marc Ysrael Bernos Memorial NHS	May 3, 2017
La Paz Central School	May 3, 2017
Abra High School	May 4, 2017
Bangued West Central School	May 4, 2017
Bangued East Central School	May 4, 2017
Sinalang Pilot Elementary School	May 4, 2017
b. Orientation of the PSDSs, School Heads (Innamuyo school) and Division PTA on the Innamuyo Concept	May 9, 2017
c. Brigada Eskwela Division Kick-off	May 15, 2017 @ Abra High School
d. Brigada Eskwela Implementation and Monitoring of Schools	May 15 to 20, 2017
e. Submission of Consolidated Brigada Eskwela Accomplishment Reports to the Division Office	June 30, 2017
f. Division Selection and Deliberation of Brigada Eskwela Awards Candidates	June 1 to 15, 2017
g. Conduct of Brigada Eskwela Division Awarding Ceremony	Within July 2017

6. To implement effectively the selection process in the Search for Brigada Eskwela Best Implementing School, DepEd issues a set of criteria, details of which are provided in Enclosure No. 2.

7. The school head shall make the Brigada Eskwela Program not just a tool for improving the school facilities, but also as a catalyst for achieving a higher learning outcome for the school. **Brigada Eskwela Plus** will be the mechanism to elevate the level of participation, the amount of resources generated, the number of volunteer turn-out and the level of awareness. The implementation of **Brigada Eskwela Plus** will focus on the following three main activities:

- a. School maintenance activities throughout the school year;
- b. Community-led effort to improve student participation and reduce dropouts or enroll in the Alternative Learning System; and
- c. Community-led effort to improve student performance.

8. All Brigada Eskwela Hall of Fame Awardess shall serve as pilot schools to implement innovative and community-led effort of the new **Brigada Eskwela Plus 2017**, the details of which shall be contained in a separate issuance.

9. Widest dissemination and compliance of this memorandum is desired.

  
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 Schools Division Superintendent

**REMINDERS FOR SCHOOL HEADS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
2017 BRIGADA ESKWELA**

1. Teaching personnel are entitled to earn vacation service credits arising from their active involvement in the weeklong Brigada Eskwela activity. A complete six-day participation in the maintenance effort shall give teachers a three-day service credit entitlement.

For further details on granting service credits to teachers, kindly refer to DepEd Order No. 53 s. 2003 entitled Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers particularly item no. 1.d sub-item k.

2. Brigada Eskwela espouses the spirit of volunteerism. Taking part in the school repair and other maintenance work is not mandatory nor requisite for parents to enable their children to be accommodated in the school.
3. No Brigada Eskwela fee shall be solicited from volunteers.
4. While the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) members are welcomed to participate in Brigada Eskwela, carrying guns and fire arms must be prohibited inside the school premises. Likewise, AFP members as volunteers shall be advised to wear civilian or work clothes, as against wearing military uniform, during the school maintenance activity.

For further details on engagement of APP members in school activities, please refer to DepEd Memorandum No. 221 s. 2013 entitled "On Guidelines on the Protection of Children During Armed Conflict."

5. Since they will perform the key role in operationalizing this year's Brigada Eskwela theme, principals or school heads are expected to revisit or restudy the following materials:

- a) School Safety and Preparedness Guide (DepEd Memo No. 43, s. 2017, Annex A of Enclosure 1)
- b) Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (DepEd Memo No. 43, s. 2017, Annex B of Enclosure 1)
- c) Kit's Menu (DepEd Memo No. 43, s. 2017, Annex C of Enclosure 1)

6. Receiving assistance or support from companies and other players in the tobacco industry for Brigada Eskwela is not allowed, pursuant to DepEd Order No 6. S. 2012 entitled "Guidelines on the Adoption and Implementation of Public Health Policies on Tobacco Control and Protection Against Tobacco Industry Interference".