



## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### **DepEd execs visit SOCCSKSARGEN, conduct consultations with field offices, schools**

*GENERAL SANTOS CITY*, March 02, 2023 – To identify various challenges in the field offices, the Department of Education (DepEd) Executive Committee (ExeCom) members addressed issues and concerns faced by the Schools Division Offices and schools from SOCCSKSARGEN during the ExeCom Regional Consultation on February 27.

"We would like to extend our appreciation for the efforts of the Central Office to come up with this activity, and we are positive that this would help in making decisions to be able to address the pressing issues and concern that impact our learners and teachers," DepEd SOCCSKSARGEN Regional Director Carlito D. Rocafort said.

Initiated during the administration of Vice President and Secretary of Education Sara Z. Duterte, the recent high-level consultation activity garnered a total of 180 issues and concerns from the field, which were clarified or addressed immediately by the Execom members.

The Human Resource, and Organizational Development (HROD) strand garnered questions about the career development and progression of teaching and non-teaching personnel.

Meanwhile, the Curriculum and Teaching (CT) strand received queries related to the K-12 curriculum, literacy of learners, usage of technology in education delivery, and other modes of learners, which includes the Alternative Learning System and Special Education Program.

The Operations (OPS) strand addressed inquiries and provided interventions on the School-Based Feeding Program, fund downloading, and voucher program implementation, among others.

Concerns related to Finance, Administration, School Infrastructure and Facility, Legal and Legislative, and Procurement were also raised on the respective strands by the DepEd SOCCSKSARGEN personnel.

"On behalf of the DepEd SOCCSKSARGEN, composed of eight Schools Division Offices, with more than 44,000 personnel, serving more than one million learners, I feel overwhelmed and pleased to welcome all of you here in Magandang GenSan," RD Rocafort noted.

"We are beyond grateful actually for this day. It is the very first time in the history of the Department of Education [Regional Office] that all members of the Executive Committee, united to join us as we consult the field offices, such as our schools, for the betterment of our services," he added.

Before the General Santos City visit, the Department has already conducted Regional Consultations in Davao City, Aklan, and Tacloban. The ExeCom members are aiming to conduct consultative meetings with the officials of the remaining regions in the coming months.

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