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Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

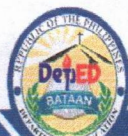
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**CONDUCT OF LUNAS ESKWELA ONLINE SCHOOL FACILITY SURVEY FOR
SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BATAAN**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In line with DepEd Regional Memorandum No. 357, s. 2026, titled "Conduct of Lunas Eskwela Online School Facility Survey for Secondary Schools in Region III," the Schools Division Office of Bataan hereby informs all concerned public and private secondary schools regarding the conduct of the LUNAS ESKWELA: Leveraging, Understanding, and Navigating Access to School-based HIV Testing for High School Students in the Philippines online school facility survey.
2. The activity is part of the study titled "Lunas Eskwela: Exploring the Acceptability and Feasibility of School-Based HIV Testing Among High School Students in the Philippines," endorsed by the Department of Education and being conducted by the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), Department of Parasitology, led by Dr. Rosanna A. Ditangco, Chief, Clinical Research Division.
3. The online school facility survey aims to gather relevant information from public and private secondary schools regarding existing school health facilities, services, and other related information necessary to identify and prioritize school health needs concerning HIV awareness, prevention, and school-based HIV testing.



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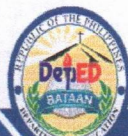
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4. All School Heads or designated personnel of public and private secondary schools offering Grades 7–12 are requested to accomplish the online survey accurately and completely. The survey may be accessed through this link: <https://redcap.link/foooi6aq>
5. School Heads are advised to ensure that the appropriate personnel are designated to accomplish the survey and that the information provided is based on the current and available school records and facilities.
6. For inquiries, clarifications, and other concerns regarding the survey, concerned personnel may coordinate directly with **Ms. Thea Bravo** through email at lunas.eskwela@ritm.go.ph or via mobile number **0993-874-0512**.
7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


CAROLINA S. VIOLETA, EdD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

Incl: as stated
References: as stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

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LEARNERS
LUNAS ESKWELA

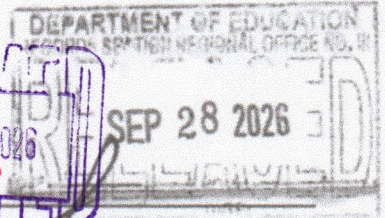
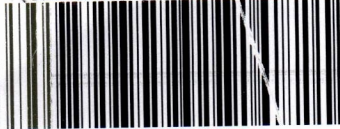


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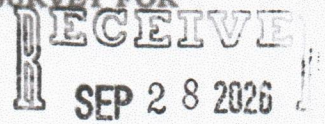


REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 357, s. 2026

CONDUCT OF LUNAS ESKWELA ONLINE SCHOOL FACILITY SURVEY FOR
SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN REGION III

To : Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Schools Heads and Officials
All Others Concerned



BY: _____

1. In line with the Department of Education – Bureau of Learner Support Services Memorandum and 1st Endorsement from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations for the “LUNAS Eskwela: Leveraging, Understanding, and Navigating Access to School-based HIV testing for High School Students in the Philippines,” this Office hereby endorses the conduct of the study titled “**Lunas Eskwela: Exploring the Acceptability and Feasibility of School-Based HIV Testing Among High School Students in the Philippines.**”
2. Anent to this, the team of **Dr. Rosanna A. Ditangco**, Chief, Clinical Research Division, Department of Parasitology, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) shall be conducting an **Online School Facility Survey for all public and private Secondary schools (Grades 7-12)** within Region III. The survey will provide vital information in the identification and prioritization of school health needs related to HIV awareness and prevention.
3. The school principal or designated personnel may access the online survey through this link: <https://redcap.link/foo0i6aq> and to be submitted on or before October 31, 2026. Additional information and concerns may be coursed through **Ms. Thea Bravo** at lunas.eskwela@ritm.gov.ph or her contact number 09938740512.
4. Compliance to this Memorandum of all concerned is desired.

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Regional Director

Encl: BLSS Memorandum and Letter of Request from DOH RITM Dated September 14, 2026

References: None

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Under the following subjects:

LUNAS ESKWELA
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BUREAU OF LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **DR. DEKTER A. GALBAN**
Assistant Secretary for Operations

FROM : **DR. MIGUEL ANGELO S. MANTARING**
*Director IV
Bureau of Learner Support Services*

SUBJECT : **REPLY LETTER WITH COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
AND AN ENDORSEMENT TO REGIONS III, IV-A, AND NCR ON THE
PROPOSED RESEARCH ON HIV TESTING FOR SECONDARY
LEARNERS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

DATE : February 5, 2025

This Office respectfully submits the following documents for your approval:

- a. Reply letter to **Dr. Rossana A. Ditangco**, Chief of the Clinical Research Division at the Department of Parasitology, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), requesting to conduct a study on "**LUNAS Eskwela**": **Leveraging, Understanding, and Navigating Access to School-based HIV Testing for High School Students in the Philippines.**
- b. Endorsement to the Regional Directors of Regions III, IV-A, and NCR regarding the aforementioned request.

Thank you very much.



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September 14, 2026

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO

Regional Director
Department of Education Regional Office III
San Fernando City, Pampanga

THRU: JOSE EZRA ROSTRATA, MD
Medical Officer

Subject: Request for Endorsement and conduct of Online School Facility Survey for All Secondary Schools in Region III

Dear Director Aquino,

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your support in the conduct of the research study entitled *"LUNAS Eskwela: Exploring the Acceptability and Feasibility of School-Based HIV testing among High Schools Students in the Philippines"*, despite the ongoing challenges brought by nature in your areas.

In addition to the ongoing research activities conducted in the selected schools, the study incorporates an **online School Facility Survey encompassing all public and private institutions offering secondary education (Grades 7-12)** within Region III. The survey is designed to systematically assess the availability of health-related services, programs, and resources across schools, thereby providing evidence to inform the identification and prioritization of school health needs in the city.

In this regard, we respectfully request your endorsement and assistance in facilitating the official dissemination of the online survey to all public and private schools offering secondary education within Region III. The school principal or duly designated personnel shall access and accomplish the online survey. The survey will be accessible through the following link: <https://redcap.link/foo0i6aq>. We kindly request that completed survey forms be submitted on or before **31 October 2026**.

Our study team will closely monitor incoming survey responses and commit to providing the Region with regular updates on the progress and status of the data collection.





Department of Health
Research Institute for Tropical Medicine

We sincerely hope for your favorable consideration and support for this request. Should you require additional information or documentation, please contact **Ms. Thea Bravo** through lunas.eskwela@ritm.gov.ph or her contact number at 09938740512 / 09284981095. We would be pleased to address any inquiries you may have.

Sincerely yours,

ROSSANA A. DITANGCO, MD, FPCP, FPSMID
Principal Investigator
Lunas Eskwela Study



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