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Regional Memorandum

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Meeting with Regional Executive Council of Elders

To: **Schools Division Superintendents
All Divisions**



1. In view of the vision of the Indigenous Peoples Education Program of DepEd-CAR to continuously improve program implementation vis-à-vis stakeholders support, this Office will hold a one-day meeting with the Regional Executive Council of Elders on **September 18, 2017** commencing at **10:00 AM** at the **Mini Conference Hall** (inside the RO Canteen).
2. This meeting aims for the participants to: clarify concerns re the involvement of elders in IPEd activities; and establish agreements as to the participation of elders in IPEd activities.
3. Expected participants are the following:
 - a. CLMD Chief
 - b. Regional IPEd Focal
 - c. Regional IPEd Alternate
 - d. Regional Executive Council of Elders Chairperson Engr. Andres Ngao-i (Kalinga)
 - e. Vice Chairperson Agnes S. Kollin (Mountain Province)
 - f. Secretary Geronimo M. Dona-al (Kalinga)
 - g. Treasurer Linda Guevarra (Benguet)
 - h. Auditor Fernando D. Bahatan Jr. (Ifugao)
 - i. Members: Pastor Dominador Acnam (Abra)
 - j. Salitan Cadmanan (Apayao)
 - k. Vicky S. Macay (Baguio City)
 - l. One documenter from CLMD
4. Schools Division Offices through the IPEd Focal Persons are requested to coordinate with the identified Elders as regards this urgent meeting. In case the identified Elders cannot attend, the IPEd Focal Persons may send Elder representatives.
5. Expenses relative to lodging and meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, AM and PM snacks) of the participants and travel expenses of Elders to and from the Regional Office shall be charged against Downloaded IPEd Funds to the Region subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Lodging of Elders will be at the NEAP Dormitory.
6. Immediate, widest dissemination of, and strict compliance to this Memorandum is desired.

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Dear Madam Sor,

Greetings from the mountains of the Cordilleras!

We, the CAR Regional IPed Council Elders, would like to reach out to you to raise certain pressing concerns regarding our current practices of indigenizing the curriculum in CAR. We know you are very busy but we would like to submit to you our collective sentiments because of the urgency of this matter since it is dealing with our culture and identity as a peoples.

We have made the following observations


1. There seems to be no proper and full participation of the communities in the indigenization implementation of the different Divisions in CAR. This is a general sentiments in the different Divisions.
2. Relatedly, one reason for this is the lack of initiative from DepEd to prepare properly the elders to be involved in the process of indigenizing the curriculum.
3. And we observed that due to the lack of participation by the communities, the DepEd side seems to arbitrarily interpret the IKSPs according to DepEd understanding, missing the real meanings and knowledges from the community.
4. There seems to be a need to level off and properly understand the IKSPs as a knowledge system as also indicated by DepEd Order 51, s. 2014

Allow us to humbly and respectfully make these recommendations;

1. We strongly recommend that at the soonest possible time, (we recommend this May), the Region prepares and conducts a two-full days conference on community engagement and the indigenization processes in CAR
2. The first day would be devoted for the discussion-sharing among the elders only
3. The second day would be a dialogue between the elders and the DepEd.
4. The conference would be attended by the following from the DepEd side:
 - a. Regional and Division IPed Focal Persons
 - b. Division CID Chiefs and the Regional CLMD Chief
 - c. Schools Division Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents
5. The elder representatives would be from the different ICCs to be ascertained by the Division IPed Focal Persons
6. Expected outputs would be:
 - a. agreements regarding the IKSPs
 - b. administrative matters involving the IPed Council of Elders
 - c. clarifications and response to questions being raised by the communities

We are looking forward to see you soon. In solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples; may I remain;

Respectfully yours,


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ENGR. ANDRES B. NGAO-I
Chairperson, CoE for IPed