

Republic of the Philippines Department of Education CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To

All Schools Division Superintendents

From

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OIC Regional Director 45

Date

September 20, 2016

Subject

DepEd-INTERVENTION FOR DRUG DEPENDENT SURRENDERERS IN THE

CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

Engineer Andres B. Ngao-i, Secretary General of the Kalinga Bodong Council and Geographic Private Sector Representative in the Regional Development Council (RDC) expressed his concern for surrenderers in the Province of Kalinga.

It was reported by Director Janet P. Armas, OIC-Regional Director of the Department of Social Welfare and Development-Cordillera Administrative Region (DSWD-CAR) during the Regional Development Council Meeting last September 9, 2016 that there are 8,678 drug dependents who have surrendered or turned themselves to authorities in the region since the Administration began its intensified campaign against drugs in the entire nation. Director Armas' sources of information were the DILG, PNP and PDEA.

One of the priority programs of Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones is the expansion and intensification in the implementation of the Alternative Learning System (ALS) Program.

In this regard, it is requested that assistance be provided to the surrenderers who may be in jail, rehabilitation centers and even those who were sent home through the different programs under the Alternative Learning System of the Department in coordination with various government agencies such as the Local Government Units (LGUs), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for their Livelihood Programs. Precaution shall be observed during the conduct of assistance to the surrenderers.

Your respective programs will be discussed during our MANCOM on October 5, 2016.

Compliance to this Memorandum is desired. ESSD/ABG/ctg