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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

**FROM :** **ATTY. ALBERTO T. MUYOT**  
 Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs

**RE :** Report on External Study Centers (ESCs)

**DATE :** April 24, 2014

This has reference to the letter of Chairperson Patricia B. Licuanan, Ph.D, Commission on Higher Education, dated March 19 2014 addressed to Br. Armin A. Luistro FSC, Secretary, This Department, relative to the issues in the implementation of the tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among This Department, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Local Government Units (LGUs) involving External Study Centers (ESCs) or external campuses of State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), particularly, the unauthorized moonlighting of DepEd employees as teachers in ESC degrees program..(copy of letter attached)

In line with this, Regional Directors are directed to submit a report on the status of all ESCs within its jurisdiction, together with a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement for its constitution, if any. The report should follow the template below:

Name of ESC	Name of DepEd school where ESC is located	Address	Status of ESC	Existence of a MOA (Yes/No) (if yes, attach a copy of the MOA)




Due to the urgency of this matter, kindly submit an advanced copy of your report to the Office of the undersigned, through fax number (02)6337205 on or before **Tuesday, April 29, 2014.**

For clarifications regarding this matter, you may call up **Atty. Angela Balacano**, Office of the Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs at (02)6388636

For your strict compliance.



**ATTY. ALBERTO T. MUYOT**  
Undersecretary

	Republic of the Philippines Department of Education <b>Cordillera Administrative Region</b> Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet	
To : The Schools Division Superintendents This Region		January 27, 2016
For information and guidance.		
		
<b>ELLEN B. DONATO, Ed. D., CESO III</b> Regional Director		
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BRO. ARMIN A. LUISIRO, ESC  
Secretary, Department of Education

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Dear Bro. Armin:

Some 30 years ago in Davao and other Mindanao Regions, when the Ministry, later Department of Education Culture and Sports (DECS), had sole authority over all levels of education, the endeavour to bring tertiary education to the less privileged in far-flung areas where higher education institutions (HEIs) were not yet established was truly necessary and noble. As such, EXTERNAL STUDY CENTERS (ESCs) or extension campuses were created by State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) under a tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) involving Local Government Units (LGUs) and the DECS (later DepEd), under the premise that these ESCs would be temporal or missionary in nature. The tripartite MOA which created the ESCs bound the LGUs to "financially support," the SUCs to "provide instruction and administration," and the DepEd to "lend its classrooms and other facilities for use of the ESCs after regular class time." (Annex A)

Years passed and while public and private HEIs have already been established within or near these areas, the ESCs remained housed in the DepEd Elementary or High Schools. Consequently, the supervisors or principals of these elementary or high schools became the administrators of these tertiary-level ESCs, with extra privileges and honoraria on top of their regular salaries. Some DepEd teachers who were made to teach part-time in the ESCs degree programs were alleged to have been *overloading, cutting class time, having decreased efficiency, or teaching without permission from their superintendents*. It was found that majority of the administrators and teachers involved with the ESCs mobilized their students to campaign for the ESCs to stay.

This is the case of the Bukidnon State University (BSU) in Malaybalay, Bukidnon (Region X), one of the many SUCs in Region X and CARAGA using DepEd schools. It presently uses six (6) DepEd schools in Region XI (Annex B) with about 4,333 college students enrolled in various degree programs in School Year (S.Y.) 2012-2013.

In line with its mandate to rationalize higher education and ensure access to quality higher education, the CHED-CBE recently passed *Resolution No. 507-2013 Ordering the Outright Closure of Bukidnon State University's External Study Centers (BSU-ESC) in Region XI by S.Y. 2013-2014 (Annex C)* on the ground of non-compliance (Annex D) with CMO 27 Series of 2009 (Annex E) and the Program Standards and Guidelines (PSG) for its degree offerings. Presently, all ESCs in Region XI have agreed to a gradual phase-out until S.Y. 2016-2017 – an action that the CHED hopes to duplicate in other regions with the same problem.

Successive consultation meetings conducted in Region XI, with full support of the Regional Development Council XI, the CSC XI, DJLG XI, NEDA XI and the DepEd XI (Annex F), led to the conclusion that the problems of ESCs may be eradicated all over the country if the DepEd decides –

- a. Not to lend its facilities to tertiary programs effective June 2014, as a prelude to making its facilities available for maximum usage in the implementation of K-12 in 2016; and
- b. To regulate the involvement of its officials and faculty members in the operation of degree programs by ESCs so they may have more focus and energy in effectively and efficiently fulfilling their duties and responsibilities.

We are writing you this letter with the prospect of coming up with a mutually-beneficial policy on the matter at the soonest time possible, with a view to implement such policy in S.Y. 2014-2015.

[Signature]  
PATRICIA B. LICUANAN, Ph.D.  
Chairperson