



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BULACAN

March 17, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 146 s, 2025

**ELEVATING EDUCATION: BENCHMARKING QUEST
FOR WORLD-CLASS SCHOOLS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division Chiefs
Public Schools District Supervisors
Concerned Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing educational standards and equipping our applicant schools for the forthcoming T4 World's Best School Prizes, we are pleased to announce a one-day benchmarking activity titled "Elevating Education: Benchmarking Quest for World-Class Schools." This will empower our schools with the knowledge and insights essential for competing successfully on a global stage. The event is scheduled for March 21, 2025, and will take place at Balanga Elementary School, Bo. Central Elementary School, and G.L. David Memorial Integrated School in the Schools Division of Balanga City.
2. The T4's 2025 World's Best School Prizes presents a unique opportunity for our schools to showcase their commitment to innovative practices and excellence in education. As we prepare to support our applicant schools in this endeavor, conducting a thorough benchmarking activity is essential. This will allow us to identify strengths, areas for improvement, and best practices among the nominated schools in the Schools Division of Balanga City.
3. This initiative seeks to elevate the educational effectiveness and overall performance of the Schools Division of Bulacan by systematically assessing and integrating best practices from the nominated schools in the Schools Division of Balanga City that are competing for the T4 World's Best School Prizes.

Specifically, this undertaking aims to:

- a. analyze successful strategies and innovative approaches employed by the nominated schools in Balanga City to serve as exemplary models for applicant schools in Bulacan;
- b. evaluate academic performance metrics and non-academic outcomes to establish a baseline for targeted improvement initiatives;
- c. identify common barriers and challenges encountered by applicant schools in Bulacan that may impede their success in the competition;



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- d. foster opportunities for knowledge sharing and collaboration among schools in both divisions to enhance collective learning and professional development; and
 - e. develop tailored recommendations and action plans based on the insights gained from the benchmarking activity to effectively guide the Schools Division of Bulacan in supporting its applicant schools.
4. Participants to this activity are ten (10) select school heads or their representative (*one per school*) from SDO Bulacan applicant schools, members of the top management, and SMN section personnel (*see attachment*). They are encouraged to wear the white polo shirt worn last 2024 Division Convergence and Thanksgiving of DepEd SDO Bulacan Personnel with the Provincial Government.
 5. Transportation and meal expenses of all concerned participants shall be charged against Division MOOE subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
 6. For queries and further clarifications, you may coordinate with the Social Mobilization and Networking Unit via email at **bryanamiel.dejesus@deped.gov.ph**


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March 21, 2025, Schools Division of Balanga City

List of Participants:

1. Dr. Norma P. Esteban, CESO V -Schools Division Superintendent
2. Madam Maria Celina L. Vega, CESO VI -Asst. Schools Division Supt.
3. Dr. Rainelda M. Blanco - SGOD Chief
4. Dr. Cecilia S. Custodio- CID Chief
5. Bryan Amiel F. De Jesus, LPT- SEPS, SMN
6. Dr. Ma. Jesusa V. Pampilon- EPS II, SMN

Schools Heads or Representatives of the following school (1 per school only):

7. Akle High School
8. San Rafael National Trade School
9. Lydia D. Villangca Trade School
10. Banga Elementary School
11. Prenza Elementary School
12. Pugad Elementary School
13. Bagbaguin Elementary School
14. Sta Maria Central School
15. Bambang Elementary School
16. Matungao Elementary School

Drivers (4 pax)



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Time	Activity	Description
		- A brief Q&A session with the school's administration and teachers will follow.
2:00 PM	Transition to G.L.	
- 2:15 PM	David Memorial Integrated School	- Participants are guided through G.L. David Memorial Integrated School to observe various educational practices and programs.
2:15 PM	Visit to G.L. David Memorial Integrated School	- Focus on how the school integrates different subjects and community resources to enhance learning.
- 3:30 PM		- Followed by a Q&A session with school administrators.
3:30 PM	Travel Back to SDO Bulacan	
- 5:45 PM		