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REITERATION OF THE SUBMISSION OF REQUESTS FOR ACQUISITION OF NEW SCHOOL SITES TO ADDRESS SCHOOL CONGESTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY CONCERNS AFFECTING EXISTING SCHOOL SITES

To: Schools Division Superintendents

All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Memorandum OULLA-2026-3084 dated October 27, 2026, issued by the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs, all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are hereby reminded to identify public schools experiencing significant congestion and/or environmental and safety concerns that cannot be sufficiently addressed within their existing school sites.

2. In this regard, concerned SDOs are directed to accomplish the **School Site Acquisition (SSA) Form** for schools that may qualify for the acquisition of additional school sites or relocation of existing school sites. The accomplished form shall serve as the basis for the evaluation, prioritization, and identification of schools for possible school site acquisition by the Sites Titling Office (STO).

3. For the initial evaluation, the following information and documentary requirements must be provided, as applicable:

A. School Congestion

- The classroom shift ratio or Pupil/Student-to-Classroom Ratio as well as the Land-to-Pupil/Student Ratio;
- Confirmation that the existing school site has no available or sufficient buildable space to address the identified congestion; and
- Confirmation that a proposed site for acquisition has been identified, which must be covered by a Certificate of Title, including estimated acquisition cost.

B. Environmental and Safety Concerns

- A certification or assessment from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Mines and Geosciences Bureau or other appropriate government agency confirming that the existing school site is unsafe or unsuitable for school use due to the identified environmental, geohazards, or other safety concerns; and

4. The SSA Form may be accessed through the following link:

https://bit.ly/STOAcquisition

5. All concerned SDOs shall ensure that the information provided in the SSA Form is complete, accurate, and sufficiently detailed to establish the school congestion and/or environmental and safety concerns affecting the existing school site. The justification for the proposed acquisition of an additional school site or relocation of the existing school must likewise be clearly indicated.

6. For guidance, the SSA Checklist is attached hereto to provide reference on the documentary requirements necessary for the evaluation and processing of school site acquisition requests.

7. For questions or clarifications, concerned personnel may coordinate with Mr. Danilo Bognot, Jr. of the Sites Titling Office through email at sto.fieldoffice@deped.gov.ph.

8. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with the foregoing instructions are hereby enjoined.

For immediate dissemination and compliance.

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FROM : **ATTY. FILEMON RAY L. JAVIER**
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SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF REQUESTS FOR ACQUISITION OF NEW SCHOOL SITE TO ADDRESS SCHOOL CONGESTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY CONCERNS AFFECTING EXISTING SCHOOL SITES**

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SCHOOL SITE ACQUISITION CHECKLIST

Prospective PROPERTY:
OWNER:
LOCATION:
LAND AREA:

	Documents to be Submitted for initial evaluation	
	Justification for the need to acquire a new school site Congestion data of neighboring schools	
	Call for Donation (Signed by SDS) Offer to sell (duly signed by the Owner/Atty-in-Fact/Representative)	
	Special Power of Attorney for Atty-in-Fact/Representative (individual property)/ Board Resolution or Secretary's Certificate for the authorized representative (Company property)	
	Photocopy of Original Certificate of Title/Transfer Certificate of Title	
	Photocopy of Latest Tax Declaration	
	Photocopy of Approved Survey Plan/Sketch Plan / Vicinity Map	
	Site Visit Photo of Property	
	Schedule of Market Value (SMV); **OR** In the absence thereof, Bureau of Internal Revenue zonal valuation of the proposed site	
	Request for fund [breakdown - Property Price + (Capital Gains Tax, etc...)+ Other expenditures] to be signed by SDS	
	Request for Special Power of Attorney for School Division Superintendent to sign the contract to sale and deed of absolute sale	
	Certification from LGU that they are not	

	acquiring the property	
	Geohazard Certification from Mines and Geosciences Bureau (Regional Office) The requirements for this document includes: 1. Request letter for the said certification addressed to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Director describing the proposed school site/area. 2. Location Map of the proposed site 3. Google Map of the proposed site (Satellite view) showing the roads 4. GPS (Global Positioning System) Coordinates (if available) No Certification Fee is required.	
	Others	