



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
National Capital Region
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS
Quezon City, Metro Manila



August 9, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO:

Asst. Schools Division Superintendents
Division/District Supervisors
Elementary/Secondary School Principals
Head Teachers and Teachers In-Charge

1. Attached herewith is DepEd Memorandum from Rizalino Jose T. Rosales, Chief Administrative Officer, Officer In-Charge, Office of the Regional Director, DepEd, NCR, Quezon City, re: Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific (ANSA-EAP), requesting for endorsement of the Checkmyschool.org Community Validation Activity, for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

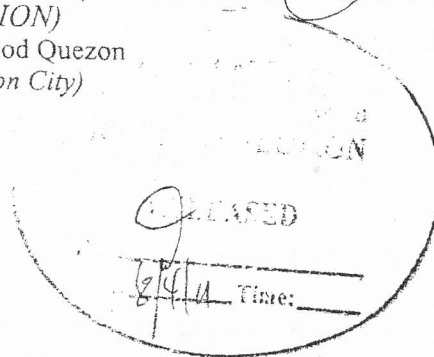
CORAZON C. RUBIO, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

Incl.:
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MEMORANDUM

From : **RIZALINO JOSE T. ROSALES**
Chief Administrative Officer
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To : **Schools Division Superintendents**

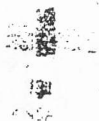
Date : 04 August 2011

Subject : **REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT OF THE CHECKMYSCHOOL.ORG
COMMUNITY VALIDATION ACTIVITY**

1. Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Redempto S. Parafina, Network Coordinator, Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific (ANSA-EAP), contents of which are self-explanatory, for information of all concerned.
2. Particular attention is invited to paragraph no. 4.
3. For further information, you may contact Ms. Jecel Censoro through office phone no. (02) 426-6062, mobile phone no. (0908) 88278331, or email: jecen88@ansa-eap.net.
4. For information and guidance.

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10 July 2011

ELENA R. RUIZ

Regional Director, National Capital Region
Department of Education

Dear Dr. Ruiz:

We, in ANSA-EAP and the Ateneo School of Government, thank the Department of Education for the cooperation and support it has been extending to the checkmyschool.org initiative. By virtue of the Memorandum of Agreement signed last 14 January 2011, we hope to work with various DepED offices to help improve education services by promoting access to information and community participation in school-based management.

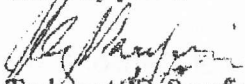
On the third week of August, we are piloting an activity that will facilitate community involvement in validating information on school services. Its implementation date is harmonized with the BEIS's July 31 cut-off schedule for its start-of-school-year inventory.

The activity aims to enhance the integrity of DepED information through the community's direct validation of reported information on enrolment, personnel, textbooks, seats, rooms, computers, national test results, toilet and budget. It shall be synchronized for all the participating schools nationwide. Please see complete program and mechanics in the attached document. Note that schools with no access to internet will be able to utilize the checkmyschool.org's online platform through the infomediaries, who will also coordinate the validation activity with the schools.

In this regard, I would like to request for your official endorsement of the checkmyschool.org's community validation activity to DepED division, district and school offices under your jurisdiction. This will facilitate better coordination and communication between the DepED offices and schools, and the volunteers and community members who will participate in the activity. Please see enclosed (1) MOA with DepEd and (2) plan for the synchronized validation activity for your reference.

We shall call your office to follow up on this request. For queries, you may contact Ms. Jecel Cansero through office phone (02) 426 6062, mobile phone 0908 88278331, or email jecen88@ansa-eap.net.

Sincerely yours,


Redempto S. Parafina
Network Coordinator
ANSA-EAP

cc: Office of Undersecretary Francis Varela, DepED
Office the BEIS, DepED

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Pilot implementation of checkmyschool.org's synchronized community validation of school services information

Rationale

In view of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Ateneo School of Government's ANSA East Asia Pacific, signed on 14 January 2010, the Department of Education extends its support and cooperation to the checkmyschool.org initiative. The Department recognizes the checkmyschool.org as a complementary mechanism for monitoring the delivery of education services to the schools. It provides complementation by (a) linking community volunteers with schools in collecting, validating and reporting information, and (b) providing third-party platform for database management.

Objectives

The objectives of the synchronized community validation exercise are:

1. To enhance the integrity of DepED information.
2. To involve the community in school governance through monitoring of education services.

Synchronization Program

Schools, in cooperation with checkmyschool.org communities, shall devote two weeks for a start-of-school-year validation of their data. The target date of the pilot implementation is August 22 to September 2, 2011.

Conditions

1. The School Head shall co-operate with the checkmyschool.org community coordinator in overseeing the data validation activity.
2. The data validation activity should not interfere in the classes and regular schedule of school events.
3. The school and the checkmyschool.org volunteers should not solicit cash donations for the activity. Only in-kind and service donations shall be solicited and accepted for the activity.
4. The school shall open all sources of information to the checkmyschool.org volunteers.
5. The checkmyschool.org volunteers, in cooperation with the BEIS and ICT coordinators, shall gather, encode, and check data from the activity, and eventually upload in the website.
6. The checkmyschool.org volunteers will be given an endorsement letter and ID card.
7. The Department's school data are the only official data; the checkmyschool.org data remain unofficial unless certified by the Department. The checkmyschool.org data, however, may always be used to point out possible major discrepancies and inaccuracies in the Department's data for verification and/or problem-solving purposes.
8. The two-week-long school data validation activity shall also be used to raise community awareness on the importance of access to information on public services.

Plan of Activities

The synchronization plan will have the following sets of activities:

1. Groundwork
2. Launch through Fun Run in selected sites
3. Two-week validation
4. Reporting and closing

Groundwork

1. Infomediaries recruit page admin volunteers from organizations and the public.
2. The volunteers will be matched with the target schools.
3. The volunteers will be oriented about the conduct of the synchronized validation activity.
4. The infomediaries and the volunteers will coordinate with target schools regarding the conduct of the synchronized validation activity.
5. Infomediaries and volunteers visit schools to meet the Principals and orient the community members who will be tasked to conduct the validation.
6. Infomediaries and volunteers coordinate with schools on the preparations for the conduct of validation.

Launch through Fun Run in selected sites

1. Set event on Sunday prior to the two-week validation activity.
2. Advertise event.
3. Conduct "Fun Run" launching activity.

Two-week validation

1. The validation activity shall be announced during the Monday flag ceremony, which will include a short program to explain its purpose and relevance to the entire school community, especially the students, parents and teachers.
2. Community members shall ask school official for BEIS reports and other documents with reports with data on (a) enrolment, (b) personnel, (c) textbooks, (d) seats, (e) rooms, (f) toilets, (g) test results, (h) computers, (i) budget.
3. Community members use the checkmyschool.org's elementary and high school data forms.
4. Community members follow set schedule for validating data on (a) enrolment, (b) personnel, (c) textbooks, (d) seats, (e) rooms, (f) toilets, (g) test results, (h) computers, (i) budget.
5. Community coordinator sets date for the review and consolidation of all collected data. The infomediaries and volunteers may join.

Reporting and Closing

1. Infomediaries and/volunteer page administrators visit schools.
2. Community coordinator transmits copy of the report to the School Principal, LGU, Infomediaries and/or volunteer page administrators
3. Community coordinator announces validation results to Monday flag ceremony one week after the validation activity.
4. Validation report is posted in school bulletin board.

Schedule

Date	Activity
Jun 13- Jul 8	Recruit school page admin volunteers
Jul 9	Orient recruited volunteers
Jul 11-22	School coordination re conduct of validation
Jul 30	Visit school to introduce CMS
Aug 6	Visit school and orient school community members
Aug 8-20	School preparations
Aug 21	Fun Run
Aug 22-Sep 2	Synchronized school validation activity
Sep 10	Visit school to pick up data
Sep 12	Reporting and closing

The activities within June 13 to August 20 are flexible are subject to modifications by the local infomediaries.

Pilot Sites

NCR

Pampanga

Pangasinan

Rizal

Baguio

Benguet

Tacloban City

Leyte

Zamboanga City

Pagadian City

Cebu City

Iloilo

Davao City

North Cotabato

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement (the "Agreement") entered into and executed by and between:

The **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DepED)**, an institution duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, having its principal place of office at Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, represented by its Undersecretary, **HON. FRANCISCO M. VARIELA**, hereinafter referred to as the "**DepED**";

- and -

The **ATENEO SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT**, which serves as secretariat of the **AFFILIATED NETWORK FOR SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**, whose secretariat is currently based in the, with principal office at Pacifico Ortiz Hall, Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights Quezon City, represented by the Dean, **DR. ANTONIO G.M. LA VIÑA**, hereinafter referred to as the School's "**ANSA-EAP**";

WITNESSETH: That:

WHEREAS, the Philippine government aspires to bring every single child to school and give them opportunity to quality education in line with the United Nation's Millenium Development Goal No. 2 or the "Universal Primary Education for all".

WHEREAS, the School's ANSA-EAP champions social accountability as citizens' constructive engagement with government in order to improve the delivery of public services, promotion of welfare and protection of rights.

WHEREAS, the "Check My School" Project is an interactive map that provides the public with information on the condition of education services and facilities. It has school information on enrolment, budget, teachers, textbooks, seats and achievement test results;

WHEREAS, all parties officially recognize the "Check My School" as a joint social accountability undertaking of the DepED and the ANSA-EAP;

WHEREAS, all parties have underscored the need for a systematic web-based public information facility on education services that is easily accessible and user-friendly and facilitates citizens' engagement with government to improve such services;

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1.1.10.1. endorse the Check My School initiative to them;

1.1.10.2. request them to provide ANSA-EAP and/or accredited volunteer organizations the latest updated data from the schools in their respective jurisdictions;

1.1.10.3. request them to partner and coordinate with selected computer schools and/or volunteer organizations that will help gather and encode the information in the website;

1.1.10.4. request them to receive, respond to and act on feedback, comments and recommendations made by citizens through the Check My School website;

1.1.10.5. request them to coordinate and support the partners of the Check My School website who will update and contribute to the website.

1.2 The ANSA-EAP shall---

1.2.1 present to DepED the design and implementation plan of the Check My School Initiative;

1.2.2 take charge of the design and development of the Check My School website;

1.2.3 coordinate with the assigned DepED liaison offices about the relevant details of the implementation of the initiative;

1.2.4 ensure the accurate presentation of the DepED's information in the Check My School website;

1.2.5 organize consultations with selected schools about the plans for the implementation of the initiative;

1.2.6 organize the launching of the Check My School website;

1.2.7 promote the use of the website to various civil society, business, school, educational institutions, media and community-based organizations, and to the public, in general;

1.2.8 set up the partnership and coordination system between the DepED local offices and the volunteer organizations, especially the computer schools that will help in data-encoding;

1.2.9 coordinate the launching and the promotional campaigns through local road shows;

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- 1.2.10 send to DepED consolidated report of feedback and comments generated through the Check My School website;
- 1.2.11 be responsible for maintaining the checkmyschool.org website;
- 1.2.12 monitors and evaluates the progress and outcome of the Check My School project;
- 1.2.13 report to the public vital information as well as insights and lessons of implementing the Check My School Initiative;
- 1.2.14 cover all costs that will be incurred from the design and development of the Check My School website to coordinating, implementing and promoting activities related to Check My School.

2.0 Non-Waiver - The failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that party's right to subsequently enforce and compel strict compliance with every provision of this Agreement.

3.0 Severability - If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable.

4.0 Amendment - This Agreement shall not be altered, changed, supplemented or amended except by written instrument signed by the parties hereto.

5.0 Assignment - No party may assign any right or obligation under this Agreement, or any contract supplementary hereto, to a third party, without the prior written consent of the other parties. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and accrue to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

6.0 Confidentiality - The parties shall not, prior to the evaluation, publicly disclose the findings of the project and inspection.

8.0 Governing Law - This Agreement shall be construed under and governed by the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

9.0 Agreement Effectivity - This Agreement shall take effect upon the date of execution and shall remain in full force and effect for a period of twelve months (12) months, unless extended by mutual consent of the parties.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)

CITY OF Quezon City) S.S.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in the above jurisdiction, this
11th day of Aug. 2011, personally appeared:
(date)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Community Tax Certificate</u>	<u>Date and Place Issued</u>
FRANCISCO M. VARELA	01341369	8-Jan-2010; Manila
ANTONIO G.M. LA VIÑA	25669353	12-Jan-2010; Manila

all known to me and to me known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed.

This instrument refers to a **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT** which consists of six (6) pages, including the page whereon this acknowledgment is written and which is signed by the party and his instrumental witnesses on each and every page thereof.

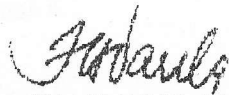
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and at the place first written above.

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Notary Public for the Philippines
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E-mail: jason.gonzalez@notary.com.ph
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date and in the place written in the acknowledgment.

For the Department of Education:



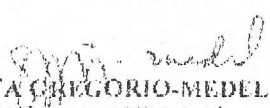
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Department of Education

For Ateneo School of Government's
ANSA East Asia and the Pacific:

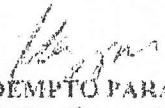


ANTONIO G.M. LA VINA
Dean, Ateneo School of Government
Executive Committee Member, ANSA-EAP

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:



ANGELITA GREGORIO-MEDEL
Project Director, ANSA-EAP



REDEMPTO PARAFINA
Network Coordinator, ANSA-EAP