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REGION III
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Advisory No. 050, s. 2026
October 7, 2026

In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No.8, s. 2013
this advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 28, s. 2001,
but only for the information of DepEd officials,
personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.

Conduct of Lunas Eskwela Online School Facility Survey for Secondary Schools in Region III

Attached herewith is a letter from Tolentino G. Aquino, CESO III, Regional Director, of Department of Education Regional Office III
re: *Conduct of Lunas Eskwela Online School Facility Survey for Secondary Schools in Region III*

This survey will provide vital information in the identification and prioritization of schools health needs related to HIV awareness and prevention.

Moreover, participation is a **MUST, and NO FEE SHALL BE COLLECTED FROM THE PARTICIPATING TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL.**

For your information and guidance.

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. _____, s. 2026

CONDUCT OF LUNAS ESKWELA ONLINE SCHOOL FACILITY SURVEY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN REGION III

To : Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Schools Heads and Officials
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the Department of Education – Bureau of Learner Support Services Memorandum and 1st Endorsement from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations for the "LUNAS Eskwela: **L**everaging, **U**nderstanding, and **N**avigating **A**ccess to **S**chool-based HIV testing for High School Students in the Philippines," this Office hereby endorses the conduct of the study titled **"Lunas Eskwela: Exploring the Acceptability and Feasibility of School-Based HIV Testing Among High School Students in the Philippines."**

2. Anent to this, the team of **Dr. Rosanna A. Ditangco**, Chief, Clinical Research Division, Department of Parasitology, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) shall be conducting an **Online School Facility Survey for all public and private Secondary schools (Grades 7-12)** within Region III. The survey will provide vital information in the identification and prioritization of school health needs related to HIV awareness and prevention.

3. The school principal or designated personnel may access the online survey through this link: https://redcap.link/foo0i6aq and to be submitted on or before October 31, 2026. Additional information and concerns may be coursed through **Ms. Thea Bravo** at lunas.eskwela@ritm.go.ph or her contact number 099387-10512.

4. Compliance to this Memorandum of all concerned is desired.

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Regional Director

Encl: BLSS Memorandum and Letter of Request from DOH RITM Dated September 14, 2026
References: None
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

LUNAS ESKWELA	RITM
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

FOR **DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN**
Assistant Secretary for Operations

FROM : **DR. MIGUEL ANGELO S. MANTARING**
Director IV
Bureau of Learner Support Services

SUBJECT : **REPLY LETTER WITH COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND AN ENDORSEMENT TO REGIONS III, IV-A, AND NCR ON THE PROPOSED RESEARCH ON HIV TESTING FOR SECONDARY LEARNERS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

DATE : February 5, 2025

This Office respectfully submits the following documents for your approval:

a. Reply letter to **Dr. Rossana A. Ditangco**, Chief of the Clinical Research Division at the Department of Parasitology, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), requesting to conduct a study on "*LUNAS Eskwela*": **L**everaging, **U**nderstanding, and **N**avigating **A**ccess to **S**chool-based HIV Testing for High School Students in the Philippines.

b. Endorsement to the Regional Directors of Regions III, IV-A, and NCR regarding the aforementioned request.

Thank you very much.

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Department of Health
Research Institute for Tropical Medicine

September 14, 2026

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Regional Director
Department of Education Regional Office III
San Fernando City, Pampanga

THRU: JOSE EZRA ROSTRATA, MD
Medical Officer

Subject: Request for Endorsement and conduct of Online School Facility Survey for All Secondary Schools in Region III

Dear Director Aquino,

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your support in the conduct of the research study entitled "***LUNAS Eskwela: Exploring the Acceptability and Feasibility of School-Based HIV testing among High Schools Students in the Philippines***", despite the ongoing challenges brought by nature in your areas.

In addition to the ongoing research activities conducted in the selected schools, the study incorporates an **online School Facility Survey encompassing all public and private institutions offering secondary education (Grades 7–12)** within Region III. The survey is designed to systematically assess the availability of health-related services, programs, and resources across schools, thereby providing evidence to inform the identification and prioritization of school health needs in the city.

In this regard, we respectfully request your endorsement and assistance in facilitating the official dissemination of the online survey to all public and private schools offering secondary education within Region III. The school principal or duly designated personnel shall access and accomplish the online survey. The survey will be accessible through the following link: https://redcap.link/foo0i6aq. We kindly request that completed survey forms be submitted on or before **31 October 2026**.

Our study team will closely monitor incoming survey responses and commit to providing the Region with regular updates on the progress and status of the data collection.

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We sincerely hope for your favorable consideration and support for this request. Should you require additional information or documentation, please contact **Ms. Thea Bravo** through lunas.eskwela@ritm.gov.ph or her contact number at 09938740512 / 09284981095. We would be pleased to address any inquiries you may have.

Sincerely yours,

ROSSANA A. DITANGCO, MD, FPCP, FPSMID
Principal Investigator
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