



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM
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FOR: The Regional Directors

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FROM: **ATTY. JOSEPHINE G. MARIBOJOC**
Undersecretary for Legal Affairs

SUBJECT: Online Consultative Meeting with Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices and Schools on the Development of the Strategic Plan with Results-Based Monitoring Framework and the Strategic Communications Plan of the Child Rights in Education Desk on November 8 and 9, 2021

DATE: November 2, 2021

This has reference to the conduct of an online Consultative Meeting on the development of the strategic plan with results-based monitoring framework and the strategic communications plan of the Child Rights in Education Desk (CREDe, pronounced as "creed") under the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs.

To strengthen respect for, protection, fulfillment and promotion of child rights in education in and by the Department, DepEd issued DepEd Order (D.O.) No. 3, s. 2021 creating CREDe. The D.O. mandates CREDe to act as the lead unit of DepEd to flesh out and articulate standards and meanings of child rights in basic education, monitor and report on the implementation of these rights, build capacity in relation to these rights and collaborate with relevant stakeholders, with a view to anchoring and integrating child rights in the mandate and work of the DepEd.¹

Following its operationalization, CREDe procured the services of consultants for its strategic planning with results-based monitoring and evaluation system and strategic communications plan, both covering the period 2022-2027. Both the CREDe Strategic Plan and Strategic Communications Plan are aligned with the Basic Education Development Plan (BEDP) being developed by the DepEd and the implementation of rights-based education (RBE) in the policies, plans, programs projects, and activities of DepEd.

¹ DepEd Order No. 3, s. 2021, "Creation of the Child Protection Unit and the Child Rights in Education Desk in the Department of Education", dated January 15, 2021, paragraph 9.

Initial consultations were conducted on the initial draft of the Strategic Plan of CREDe with some offices at the Central Office of DepEd, some DepEd external partners, and learners of diverse backgrounds from selected schools and the Alternative Learning System (ALS) across the country. As part of the development of both strategic plans, CREDe will undertake further consultations with other DepEd offices in all governance levels and with external partners.

In light of this, this Office would like to invite the regional directors to an online consultative meeting to provide the necessary inputs on the strategic plan with results-based monitoring framework and the strategic communications plan of CREDe. The meeting will be held on **November 8, 2021 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm** via the Google Meet online platform. For the purpose of the consultation, each regional office is requested to identify and nominate one Schools Division Superintendent in your region to also join the online consultation. Your participation in this consultative meeting will help ensure the integration and strengthening of child rights in the mandate and work of DepEd. This Office will provide the materials for the meeting within this week.

After the consultation with Regional Offices and Schools Division Offices on November 8, 2021 and as part of the whole-of-school approach in the implementation of RBE, this Office will also conduct an online consultation with selected schools to provide the necessary inputs on the strategic plan and strategic communications plan of CREDe. For this purpose, each regional office is requested to identify, nominate and inform one public school and one ALS learning center per region for their school head and guidance counsellor or teacher to participate in the online consultation for schools that will be held on **November 9, 2021 from 9:00pm to 12:00nn** also via the Google Meet online platform. The inclusion of ALS learning centers Kindly provide us their names and contact information within the week so we can provide them the meeting link and materials prior to the consultation.

For confirmation of your participation to the said online consultation and other concerns, please contact Mr. Paulo Anthony J. Mendoza of CREDe via email at paulo.mendoza001@deped.gov.ph (cc: childrights@deped.gov.ph and oula@deped.gov.ph). The meeting link will be provided soon thereafter upon confirmation of the attendance.

Thank you for your continued support to children's rights in education. As we celebrate National Children's Month this November, let us together strengthen our commitment to put children and their rights at the center of our mandate and work in DepEd.

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