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Division Memorandum  
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To: PSDS of SPED Schools  
School Principals of SPED Schools  
SPED Teachers

From:  **NATIVIDAD P. BAYUBAY, CESO VI**  
Officer-In-Charge   
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Subject: **School-Based Screening and Identification of Gifted and Talented Preschoolers for Headstart Classes**

Date: May 24, 2017

1. This is in connection to **Division Memorandum no. 099, s. 2017, re: Recruitment, Screening and Identification of Gifted and Talented Preschoolers for Headstart Classes**, that due to the unavoidable circumstances and conflicting schedules, this office regret to inform you that said activity shall no longer be done by the identified personalities of that said memorandum but instead **SPED implementing schools are directed to conduct school-based assessment for the Headstart classes following the guidelines as stated in DepEd Order 99, s. 2009 entitled "Organization of Headstart Classes for the Gifted and Talented Preschoolers.**
2. In this regard, since our division does not have any of the standard assessment tool as enumerated in that said DepEd Order, it is suggested that Philippine ECCD Checklist shall be used hence it is a standard assessment tool for children from age 3.1 to 5.11 years old. There shall be a creation of a School Screening Committee to perform the activity the soonest possible time (before classes start). Please inform this office the assessment schedule of your school for the delivery of technical assistance and supervision.
3. Supplies, materials and other related expenses incurred by the school during the conduct of the said activity shall be charged against **School MOOE/Local or School Board/SPED Fund** subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
4. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum to all concerned is desired.