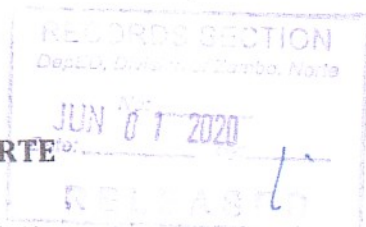




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TO: **Public Schools District Supervisors**  
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All Others Concerned

FROM: **MA. LIZA R. TABILON EdD, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: **REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER 007, S. 2020, re: SCHOOL  
CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES FOR SY 2020-2021**

DATE: May 28, 2020

1. This is to reiterate relevant provisions of DepEd Order No. 007, s. 2020, re: School Calendar and Activities for S.Y. 2020-2021 applicable and relevant to the operation of DepEd schools in this division, S.Y. 2020-2021;
2. Attention is hereby directed to paragraph 3, 5, 6 & 7 thereof, which are restated for convenience, to wit:

*Paragraph 3. After consultations and internal discussions, DepEd has reached a decision to set the opening of SY 2020-2021 on August 24, 2020. However, the days in August prior to the formal school opening will be used to provide learners with assignments to explore foundational topics for deepening during the year, orientation on the utilization of alternative learning delivery modalities and corresponding learner's materials, and mental health and psychosocial support activities. These pre-opening activities devoted to the attainment of the learning objectives for the school year shall be counted as class days. The school year will end on April 30, 2021.*

*Paragraph 5. School opening will not necessarily mean traditional face-to-face learning in classroom. The physical opening of schools will depend on the risk severity grading or classification of a locality, pursuant to guidelines of the Department of Health (DOH), the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases in the Philippines (IATF), or the Office of the President (OP). Even in areas where schools are allowed to open, physical distancing will still be required, which will necessitate schools to combine face-to-face learning with distance learning.*



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*Paragraph 6. Because of the compressed school year, the Secretary is authorizing the holding of Saturday classes, through the conduct of distance learning activities to be undertaken by learners, pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 7797. Should religious considerations prohibit these Saturday activities, they shall be undertaken on Sundays. In all, the total class days in the 2020-2021 school calendar will be 203 days.*

*Paragraph 7. The learning intervention for Alternative Learning System (ALS) shall also formally open on August 24, 2020, while the program duration will depend on the learner's educational background or existing knowledge level prior to enrolling in the ALS program.*

3. The School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) thru the Planning & Research (P&R) and the School Management Monitoring & Evaluation (SMM&E) is hereby enjoined to provide concomitant technical assistance to the field and to monitor their compliance with said Order.
4. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

