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Department of Education

REGION IX SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE ACCOUNTING SECTION

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ADVISORY

Date:

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To:

All Bookkeepers - Non-Implementing Unit

Subject: Procurement of Starlink Hardware for Schools

This is to inform all bookkeepers to advise their respective school heads regarding the procurement of Starlink hardware for schools. In support of improved internet connectivity, schools with a monthly allocation of less than ₱50,000.00 are permitted to procure Starlink hardware, provided that the school receives two months' allocation or funds released in accelerated mode. This aims to address the immediate need for reliable connectivity in schools, particularly in areas with limited access to wired internet.

It is essential that all procurement processes strictly adhere to the provisions of Republic Act No. 9184, also known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and all relevant DepEd policies and guidelines, including the issued division memorandum related to the procurement of satellite-based internet connectivity. Administrative Officers II and school heads are reminded to observe proper procurement protocols, including canvassing, documentation, and approval processes, to ensure lawful and efficient transactions.

For schools with stable wired internet connectivity, there is no need to transition to satellite-based internet such as Starlink. This initiative is intended for schools with limited or unreliable internet access to enhance their operational efficiency and support the delivery of quality education services. Bookkeepers should coordinate with their respective school heads to assess their current internet connectivity before proceeding with the procurement.

For further clarification or any questions, please contact us at 0981 643 5759.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

- 1/22/24 TE M. OMPOY, CPA

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