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FULL SUPPORT TO DATA GATHERING ACTIVITIES OF BASA PILIPINAS

To: OIC/ Assistant Superintendents
Education Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/OICs
Elementary and Secondary School Heads

- 1. The Basa Pilipinas Program is a USAID –supported program helping DepED improve the reading skills of early grade children (Grades 1—3). Basa Pilipinas selected Cebu Province Division as one of its focus Divisions. One of the program's initial activities was the conduct of the Training of Trainers for our Grade 1-2 teachers held on July 4-6, 2013.
- 2. One of the priority activities of Basa Pilipinas is to conduct a number of data gathering activities during the period August 12—28 in selected Cebu Province elementary schools, which shall consist of the following:
- a) A School Management Survey for School Principals to gather basic school management data,
- b) A Grade 2 teachers' Instructional Belief and Practices in Teaching of Reading Survey, and
- c) An Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA) for selected Grade 2 students in schools.

These data gathering activities will be conducted in only twenty (20) randomly selected schools of the Division, and these schools will be identified only a few days before the actual conduct of the data gathering, Thus, not all schools will be visited by the Basa Pilipinas data gathering teams.

- 3. There will be a total of 20 principals/school heads; 20 Grade 2 teachers and 10 students each of these 20 teachers (so a total of 200 students) who will be randomly selected to participate in these assessment activities.
- 4. The main and only purpose of these data gathering activities is to track the progress of Basa Pilipinas interventions for research purposes and improving Basa Pilipinas future interventions, and not

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to assess the individual performance of any selected school, school head or student. Thus, the results have no bearing on the performance and career (i.e. promotion) opportunities of any individual school principal/head or teacher. Please disseminate this important message to your school heads and teachers in order to avoid any undue concerns or anxiety on their part.

- The Basa Pilipinas data gathering team and/or the Area Education Supervisors/ Coordinators will coordinate with the school heads of the randomly selected schools thru the PSDS.
- Thus, all District Supervisors and School Principals/ Heads of the selected schools are 6. enjoined to provide full support and cooperation to the Basa Pilipinas data gathering team for the effective conduct of these important activities.

7. For the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

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