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REGION VIII SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

MESSAGE FOR BRIGADA ESKWELA AND OPENING OF CLASSES 2025

The beginning of every school year calls forth again a renewed call for unity. This 2025, the Schools Division of Northern Samar extends its warmest greetings to all schools, educators, learners, parents, and community partners as we welcome the beginning of another academic year this June 16.

This year's theme, *Brigada Eskwela: Sama-sama para sa Bayang Bumabasa*, resonates deeply with our mission and encapsulates the very soul of what we strive for. More than ever, we are reminded that literacy is a fundamental pillar of education. As what they say, a nation that reads is a nation that rises. And behind every child learning to read is a community that believes in the power of education.

Our work in schools this Brigada Eskwela goes beyond construction, repairs, and maintenance. It begins with the staunch belief that education is everyone's responsibility – from teachers and school heads to barangay officials, alumni, parents, civic groups, and every individual who understands that a strong future starts with a well-prepared present.

In every school across Northern Samar, I have witnessed how Brigada Eskwela transforms. It draws out the best in us. Generosity, cooperation, and hope prevails amidst challenges. It turns a parent into a volunteer or a stranger into a stakeholder. This is where the true strength of our province lies.

As we focus this year's efforts on creating safe, inclusive, and reading-enriched environments, let us remember that every clean window, every mended chair, or every donated book contributes to the learning journey of a child. And when we help a child read, we help a child dream.

I am deeply grateful for your constant support for our schools. May we carry this spirit of bayanihan not only during Brigada Eskwela but throughout the school year, as we work to build a stronger, brighter, and more literate Northern Samar.

Let us walk into the new school year with compassion, and a clear purpose: to give every learner the chance to read, to understand, and to thrive.

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