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Department of Education
REGION VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF THE DIVISION
WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) IN SCHOOLS (WinS)
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, Schools Governance & Operations Division
Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division
All School Health Section Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. This Memorandum is issued pursuant to **DepEd Order No. 10, s. 2016**, the *Policy and Guidelines for the Comprehensive Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Schools Program*, and **DepEd Memo No. 194, s. 2018**, which provides the implementing guidelines. These issuances authorize the creation and operation of the **Division Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in Schools (WinS) Technical Working Group (TWG)**, to which this Office hereby establishes to ensure proper oversight, technical support, advocacy, and monitoring of WASH initiatives in schools.
2. The group shall comprise representatives from the **Schools Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)**, the **Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)**, and other relevant offices within the Schools Division Office, as well as from **Non-Government Organizations, partner agencies, and other stakeholders**, thereby forging coordination and partnership to ensure a multi-sectoral approach and strengthen the implementation of the WinS Program.
3. In line with the foregoing, this Office hereby adopts the composition of the **WinS Technical Working Group (TWG)**. The TWG is tasked to:
 - a. Oversee the work of the school technical working groups, approve outputs, and provide technical assistance as needed.
 - b. Support advocacy of the WinS Policy to other sectors.
 - c. Monitor school implementation, including the integration of water, sanitation, and hygiene in the curriculum.
4. The following are the members of the **Division WinS TWG**:

Chairman	Gaudencio C. Aljibe, Jr, PhD, CESO VI Schools Division Superintendent
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	SGOD – Monitoring and Evaluation:	Merlita B. Fajardo Senior Education Program Specialist
	SGOD – Planning:	Jocelyn Acebuche Planning Officer III
	CID Representative:	Omar O. Ty Education Program Supervisor – MAPEH
	WinS Focal:	Nilma S. Regulacion Nurse II
	Alternate WinS Focal:	Camelia B. Nemil Nurse II
	Division Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Coordinator:	Medardo D. Baylon PDO II
	Representative of School Heads:	Elvira A. Ortenero, Principal IV – San Roque Central Elementary School
	Parents-Teachers Association Federation:	Joe Louis Gajutos PTCA Federated President
	Non-Government Organization Representative:	Welson L. Ramos Program Operations Manager Northern Samar Program Area Plan Philippines

5. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.

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