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TO :

SUBJECT

ABDULLAH P. SALIK, JR., Director General, Basic Education

BUREAU DIRECTORS DIVISION CHIEFS

SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : MOHACHERM. IQBAL

Minister

MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT/CREATION OF ELEMENTARY

AND SECONDARY PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN BARMM.

DATE : 3 APRIL 2023

 Under Sec. 190 (Regulatory Functions) of the Bangsamoro Education Code, it is provided that "The Ministry shall supervise and regulate private schools, universities, colleges and learning centers, including sectarian and non-sectarian institutions of learning."

- 2. In addition, the Ministry recognizes the importance of learning institutions in providing accessible, equitable and inclusive quality education to all Bangsamoro learners. This recognition includes the issuance of a Permit to Operate upon validation of the submitted necessary documents required for a particular program applied for. In the same manner, Government Recognition shall be issued upon compliance of all the requirements stipulated under DepEd Order No. 88 s. 2010 and DepEd Order No. 40, 2014, respectively.
- 3. However, the ocular inspection of the Division Inspection Team and the Regional Validation Team reveals that there are established private and public schools which failed to observe the required distance from one school to another school. To address this concern and other related matters, a moratorium for the establishment/creation of elementary and secondary private and public schools in BARMM is hereby adopted effective immediately.

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- 4. Private schools which have been issued with a Temporary Permit to Operate may still apply for renewal annually until they be issued government recognition, subject however to the results of the Division Inspection Team and the Regional Validation Team.
- 5. Further, this Order shall not apply to all pending applications for establishment/creation of private and public elementary and secondary schools submitted prior to the issuance of this moratorium, the approval of which is still subject to the existing guidelines.
- 6. Schools and their learners affected by this Order shall be referred to the concerned Schools Division Office which shall coordinate with the school heads of the schools where the learners shall be accommodated.
- 7. This Order shall be in full force and effect until amended or revoked by competent authority.
- 8. For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.