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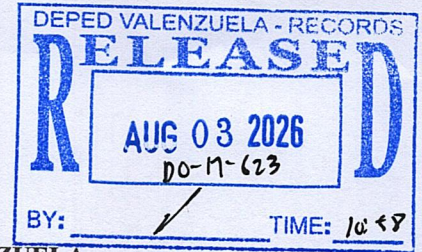
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Department of Education

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF CITY OF VALENZUELA



Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 0609, s. 2026

ONLINE SURVEY ON "LUNAS ESKWELA": LEVERAGING, UNDERSTANDING, AND NAVIGATING ACCESS TO SCHOOL-BASED HIV TESTING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

To: OIC – Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors - CID and SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Secondary School Principals
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, attached is a Memorandum from Dr. Miguel Angelo S. Mantaring, Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services, regarding the conduct of study on **"LUNAS ESKWELA": Leveraging, Understanding, And Navigating Access To School-Based Hiv Testing for High School Students in the Philippines.**
2. In line with this, all Secondary Public and Private School Students (Grade 7-12) in this Division are hereby requested to answer an online survey via this link: <https://redcap.link/foo0i6aq> on or before August 31, 2026.
3. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

NOEL D. BAGANO

Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: as stated

Reference:

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

RESEARCH ON HIV TESTING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

MLGD/SGOD July 27, 2026



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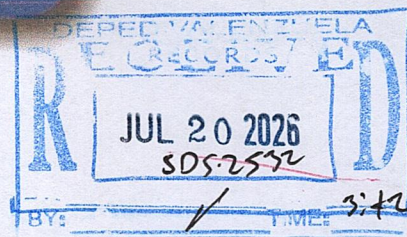




Department of Health
Research Institute for Tropical Medicine

June 18, 2026

NOEL D. BAGANO, CESO VI
Superintendent
Department of Education
School Division Office – Valenzuela City



Subject: Request of “Lunas Eskwela” study for Endorsement of School Facility Survey on all public and private school offering secondary education in Valenzuela city

Dear Mr. Bagano,

We would like to express our appreciation for your support, particularly in providing the necessary endorsement to selected schools for the conduct of research activities related to the study entitled “*Lunas Eskwela: Exploring the Acceptability and Feasibility of School-Based HIV Testing Among High School Students in the Philippines*”.

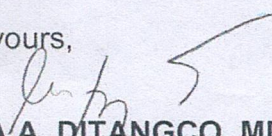
In addition to the ongoing research activities conducted in the selected schools, the study incorporates an **online School Facility Survey encompassing all public and private institutions offering secondary education (Grades 7–12)** within Valenzuela city. The survey is designed to systematically assess the availability of health-related services, programs, and resources across schools, thereby providing evidence to inform the identification and prioritization of school health needs in the city.

In this regard, we respectfully request your endorsement and assistance in facilitating the official dissemination of the online survey to all public and private schools offering secondary education within Valenzuela city. The survey will be accessible through the following link: <https://redcap.link/foo0i6aq>. We kindly request that completed survey forms be submitted on or before **31 August 2026**.

Our study team will closely monitor incoming survey responses and commit to providing the Region with regular updates on the progress and status of the data collection.

We sincerely hope for your favorable consideration and support for this request. Should you require additional information or documentation, please contact Ms. Thea Bravo at lunas.eskwela@ritm.gov.ph or her contact number 0993-874-0512. We would be pleased to address any inquiries you may have.

Sincerely yours,


ROSSANA A. DITANGCO, MD, FPCP, FPSMID
Principal Investigator, Lunas Eskwela Study
Chief, Clinical Research Division





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Department of Education
BUREAU OF LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **DR. DEKTER A. GALBAN**
Assistant Secretary for Operations

FROM : **DR. MIGUEL ANGELO S. MANTARING**
*Director IV
Bureau of Learner Support Services*

SUBJECT : **REPLY LETTER WITH COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
AND AN ENDORSEMENT TO REGIONS III, IV-A, AND NCR ON THE
PROPOSED RESEARCH ON HIV TESTING FOR SECONDARY
LEARNERS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

DATE : February 5, 2025

This Office respectfully submits the following documents for your approval:

- a. Reply letter to **Dr. Rossana A. Ditangco**, Chief of the Clinical Research Division at the Department of Parasitology, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), requesting to conduct a study on "**LUNAS Eskwela**": **L**everaging, **U**nderstanding, and **N**avigating **A**ccess to **S**chool-based HIV Testing for High School Students in the Philippines.
- b. Endorsement to the Regional Directors of Regions III, IV-A, and NCR regarding the aforementioned request.

Thank you very much.