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Dear School Head/Principal/Administrator:

We are pleased to inform you that the Department of Education (DepEd) has opened the applications for the SHS Voucher Program, as per **DepEd Order no. 66, s. 2016**, or the **Detailed Guidelines on the Applications for the Senior High School (SHS) Voucher Program**.

The SHS Voucher Program is meant to be a long-term program of DepEd that aims to provide greater choice to students and their families in their choice of senior high school and to increase the diversity of SHS providers. The program supports the government mandate to provide and make accessible quality basic education to every Filipino.

Applicable Voucher Values

Qualified voucher recipients (QVRs) are entitled to voucher values depending on where they completed their junior high school as well as the location, type, and total school fees of the non-DepEd provider where they will enroll for their senior high school.

Location of Non-DepEd SHS	QVR Category	Voucher Amount	Voucher Amount if the SHS is a SUC/LUC
<i>National Capital Region (NCR)</i>	Public JHS Completer	Php22,500	Php11,250
	ESC JHS Completer	Php18,000	
	Non-ESC Private JHS Completer	Php18,000	
<i>Non-NCR Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs)</i>	Public JHS Completer	Php20,000	Php10,000
	ESC JHS Completer	Php,16,000	
	Non-ESC Private JHS Completer	Php,16,000	
<i>Non-HUCs Outside of NCR</i>	Public JHS Completer	Php17,500	Php8,750
	ESC JHS Completer	Php14,000	
	Non-ESC Private JHS Completer	Php14,000	

Qualified Voucher Recipients (QVRs)

All Grade 10 completers in public schools, state and local universities and colleges as well as Grade 10 completers in private schools who are ESC grantees are automatically qualified for vouchers.

Grade 10 completers in private schools who are not ESC grantees and who wish to avail of the government subsidy in order to enroll in a non-DepEd SHS need to apply for vouchers. Voucher applicants who meet the qualification criteria will be considered qualified voucher recipients.

Application Procedures

Applications may be done manually or online and are free of charge. Requirements include the voucher application form (for manual application), recent 2x2 colored ID photo, proof of financial means, and certification of financial assistance received (if applicable).

Schools may provide assistance and guidance to the students, but the students are responsible for their own voucher applications and their choice of senior high school.

The deadline of the manual applications is on **January 13, 2017** and the deadline of the online applications is on **February 10, 2017**.

Notification of Results

The PEAC shall process all submitted applications and forward the results to DepEd for approval. Results will be released at the end of February 2017 and can be accessed at the Online Voucher Application Portal (OVAP) website at <http://ovap.deped.gov.ph>.

Please disseminate this information to your Grade 10 students and their parents, particularly to those who need to apply for vouchers. DO no. 66, s. 2016 can be downloaded from the websites of DepEd (www.deped.gov.ph) and PEAC (www.fape.org.ph). More information on the voucher applications can be found at the OVAP website.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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