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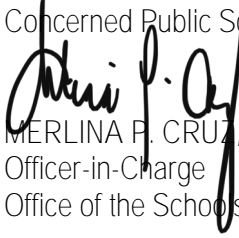
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TO : Concerned Public Schools

FROM : 
MERLINA P. CRUZ, PhD, CESO VI
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT : DEPED SJDMC FREE WI-FI FOR ALL

DATE : July 16, 2020

Attached are the letter of Reynaldo T. Sy, Regional Director DICT Luzon Cluster 2, and the MOU between DepEd and DICT in reference to the rollout of Free Wi-Fi in the public schools of San Jose del Monte City, for information and guidance.

You may contact ITO Arthur Francisco for clarifications and details.

***“Malasakit. Bayanihan. San Joseño.
We heal as one. We rise as one!”***

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Dear **Dr. Cruz**:

Greetings from the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)!

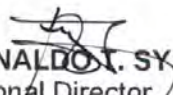
This is in reference to the letter received last 03 July 2020 endorsing to DICT the schools under Department of Education – San Jose Del Monte City for the rollout of the Department's Free Wi-Fi for All – Free Public Internet Access Program.

We recognize the merits of providing Free Wi-Fi in the public schools of San Jose Del Monte City, and with this, we are pleased to inform you that below sites are slated for implementation next year, 2021.

1. Bagong Buhay B Elementary School
2. Bagong Buhay E Elementary School
3. Bagong Buhay F Elementary School
4. Gaya Gaya Elementary School
5. Goldenville Elementary School
6. Gumaok Elementary School
7. Kakawate Elementary School
8. Kaypian Elementary School
9. Marangal Elementary School
10. Partida Elementary School
11. Ricafort Elementary School
12. San Isidro Elementary School
13. San Martin (BBC) Elementary School
14. San Rafael (BBH) Elementary School
15. Sta. Cruz (BBD) Elementary School
16. Kakawate High School
17. Graceville National High School
18. Mulawin National High School
19. San Rafael BBH National High School
20. Sapang Palay National High School (SHS)
21. Sto. Cristo High School

For further inquiries, you may coordinate with our Provincial Head in Bulacan, Ms. Katrina Kathleen Chico (katkat.chico@dict.gov.ph/ 0917-802-3652) or with our Free Wi-Fi Engineer for Bulacan, Jacob Santos (jacob.santos@dict.gov.ph/ 0966-158-9972). Thank you very much and we are looking forward in partnering with you soon.

Respectfully yours,


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Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01, series of 2018

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1. RATIONALE

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is undertaking the "Free Wi-Fi Internet Access in Public Places Project", hereinafter referred to as "Project", across the Philippines to accelerate economic, social and educational opportunities and reduce the growing Digital Divide under the overarching e-Filipino Program of the Government. This is in connection with Republic Act No. 10929, also known as the "Free Internet Access in Public Places Act".

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The DICT and DepEd agreed to cooperate and jointly commit to promote knowledge building among citizens and enable them to participate and compete in the evolving information and communication age.

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The following policies are being adopted in consonance with the promotion on the use of ICT to improve delivery of critical function of government services and provide efficient and effective ICT infrastructure and information systems to the public:

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- 2.2** Expand site coverage for free Internet access at public places nationwide;

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- 2.4 Abide by DICT issuances as well as existing laws and public policies in the posting of contents and broadcasts at the captive portal;
- 2.5 Provide equal use and secured access to the Internet and serve as many users as possible;
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The highest level of registration shall be where a user will be issued a citizen's digital ID subject to the requirements of the National Public Key Infrastructure that will be used to gain access to the Internet as well as full access to e-Government services.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 DICT

- 4.1.1** Serve as the Project owner and lead agency responsible for the overall planning, implementation and management of the Project.
- 4.1.2** Provide the framework for governance of the Project.
- 4.1.3** Set Standards and qualifications in determining which public sites shall be included and prioritized for the rollout of the Project.
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 - 4.1.5.1** For the technical staff and/or service providers, to sign in the logbook of the school, as necessary.
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- 4.2.1** Serve as the Project partner for the overall planning, implementation and management of the Project.
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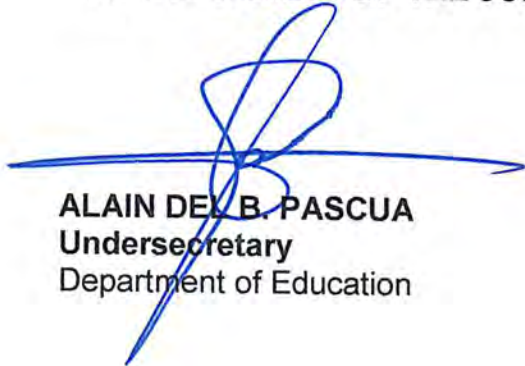
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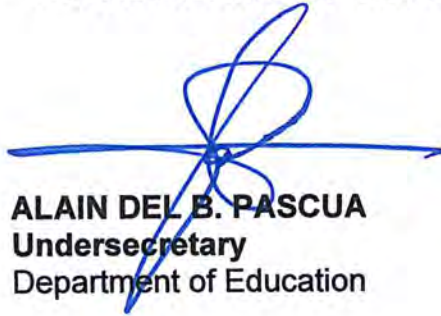
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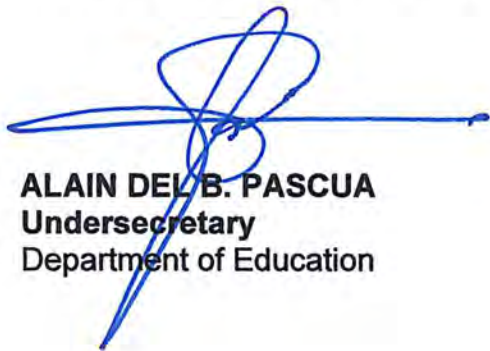


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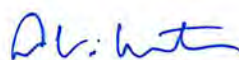


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