As per letter dated May 31, 2019 from the Officer-In-Charge, Philippine Red Cross (PRC) Camarines Sur Chapter, Ms. Maria Theresa S. Bongiad asking for support in the Membership Campaign and Raffle Tickets and seeking endorsement of coordination with school heads for the possible Junior/Senior Red Cross Teacher Adviser whom they will orient and train to assist in the organization of Red Cross Youth in the elementary and secondary schools. Subject to existing Department issuances, Schools Division Office of Camarines Sur encourages elementary and secondary schools to organize or reactivate Junior/Senior Red Cross and to support the Membership Campaign and the sale Raffle Tickets on a voluntary basis.

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Schools Division Superintendent
31 May 2019

DR. CECILE BERNADETTE P. RIVERA, CESO V
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Dear Supt. Rivera:

Greetings of Peace!

The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) is the foremost humanitarian organization in the Philippines which provides timely, efficient, and responsive humanitarian services to the most vulnerable by building a healthier, disaster and epidemic resilient communities through an Empowered Community.

PRC has shown its readiness and efficiency in addressing the needs of the vulnerable especially in times of devastating disasters and crises affecting the country. Locally, we have addressed the immediate needs of safe blood and have continued to train students on first aid and basic life support (BLS/AED), disaster preparedness, leadership trainings and team development sessions. We believe that formation of young volunteers and exposing them to vulnerable communities will prepare them to become compassionate, efficient and effective leaders in the future.

PRC has intensified its Membership Program where one can become a part of this foremost humanitarian organization that alleviates human suffering and restores human dignity. It entitles every member an accidental assistance benefits. Over and above this, we are promoting participation of every member of the community in the campaign for funds since the Red Cross is a humanitarian organization highly dependent on voluntary contributions that it collects through its Annual Membership Fund Drive and other special benefits. We have to raise funds in order to sustain our programs on disaster risk reduction, voluntary blood donation, emergency response and public health promotion.

Also, we are finalizing our plan for the Red Cross Youth program of our local chapter. One of the activities that we want to include in the Plan is the reactivation of the Junior and Senior Red Cross in the elementary and secondary schools. The formation of a School Council will facilitate the implementation of the various activities outlined in our Red Cross Youth Plan.

In view thereof, may we ask for your support in our Membership Campaign and Raffle Tickets? Moreover, may we seek your endorsement of coordinating with the different principals/school heads for the possible Junior Red Cross/Senior Red Cross teacher adviser whom we shall orient and train to assist us in the organization of Red Cross councils in the schools? This will hopefully help the “OK Ka Sa Dep. Ed Program”.

Attached are Dep. Ed Memos:
- Dep. Ed Order No. 53 s. 2015 – Grant of Service Credits to Teacher-Advisers of RCY Councils
- Dep. Ed Order No. 84 s. 2018 – Partnership with PRC for the Promotion of First Aid, Youth Development, Volunteerism, Health and Safety, Community Resilience and the IHL
- Department of Education and Philippine Red Cross Memorandum of Agreement

Thank you for your favourable action and we are looking forward to work with your Department.

Respectfully yours,

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