



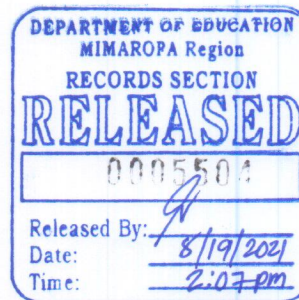
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Dear **Director Ferrer:**

Greetings!

The relationship between the Department of Education and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has long been established for the noble purpose of ensuring that the education of our learners will continue no matter where the location of the school site may be established. Understandably so, while our mandate is the continuation of education, the DENR has been tasked to conserve, manage, and develop our country's natural resources as well as lands of the public domain.

Our Region is abundant of resources and protected areas, including ancestral lands for our indigenous brethren. In 2019, this Office received requests for establishment of school sites in protected areas within the Municipality of Bulalacao and along the shores of Naujan Lake in the Province of Oriental Mindoro. As such, these areas have no Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT), yet our field personnel received copies of certificates recognizing that those areas may be utilized for educational purposes.

It is in this regard that this Office respectfully requests confirmation whether such certification may actually be issued for the said purpose. If such is not possible, please advise on how to proceed with this concern to come up with a viable substitute for the TCT as required under DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2014 for the establishment of the said schools.

This Office anticipates a favorable action on our request.

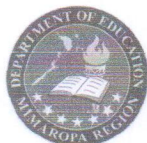
Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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