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Letter from the Counselor

Hello and welcome back! I hope that you and your family have been healthy and safe during these past 5 months. My name is Ms. Dizon, the School Counselor at Liguan Elementary. I will be working alongside the teachers to provide guidance lessons for your child focusing on social & emotional learning. This is going to be a very different year filled with learning, growing, and lots of changes. I cannot wait to get to know you, your child and to reconnect with those who are returning students.

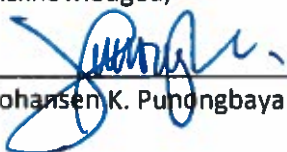
This will be year of many "firsts" for everyone. Counseling lessons have traditionally been given in the face-to-face setting but given the current circumstances, there will have to be adjustments. For now, counseling lessons will be included in the hard copy packets for all students. School Counselors Island wide are working collaboratively to create a curriculum of relevant topics and lessons that all counselors can choose from to use with students. Although the lessons are not graded, I highly encourage you to go through them with your child. There will be reflection questions included with the lessons. At times, a link to a video clip related to the lessons will be included.

In your child's packet is a School Counseling Informed Consent Form. This allows me to provide counseling to your child should the need arise. Note that guidance from the department is forthcoming regarding the manner in which counseling can be provided. Please read the form carefully and sign. Should you decide that you don't want your child to receive counseling, then a letter in writing stating so must be submitted.

Lastly, I ask for your understanding, patience and flexibility as the school community navigates through unfamiliar territory that is every changing. One thing however that will remain consistent and constant is our resolve to provide your child with the best education possible. Should you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me at:

300-1680 ext. 1706 OR
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Acknowledged,



Johansen K. Punongbayan, Principal

Sincerely,



Lourdes D. Dizon, School Counselor