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**RECOMMENDATION TO EXPLORE A CHED-DepED PARTNERSHIP
TO CHED-SIKAP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

Please find attached the documents on the Recommendation to Explore a
CHED-DepEd Partnership for CHED-SIKAP Program Eligibility.

For your time and attention.

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Subject: Recommendation to Explore a CHED-DepEd Partnership for CHED-SIKAP Program Eligibility

Dear Dr. Sadsad,

Greetings of peace!

I respectfully write to bring to your attention a potential opportunity to expand graduate scholarship support for qualified teaching personnel of the Department of Education (DepEd).

Based on the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Scholarship Program for Staff and Instructors' Knowledge Advancement Program (SIKAP) guidelines, personnel holding plantilla positions in government agencies, private institutions, and other entities with an executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with CHED may be considered eligible under the program.

To better understand the process, we sought clarification from CHED Regional Office V. We were informed that, after coordination with CHED Central Office, the initiative to establish such a partnership should come from the mother agency. We were likewise advised that the initial step is the submission of a Letter of Intent to CHED Central Office for its consideration.

In this regard, I respectfully submit this information for your consideration should the Department of Education find it appropriate to explore a possible partnership with CHED. Such an initiative may provide another avenue for eligible DepEd teaching personnel to pursue graduate studies through the CHED-SIKAP Program.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We sincerely appreciate your steadfast commitment to advancing the professional growth and development of our educators.

Respectfully yours,

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