

**BASIC : LETTER DATED MAY 15, 2009, FROM MAYOR ANTONIO
RENACIA OF SIBULAN, NEGROS ORIENTAL**

2nd Indorsement
May 21, 2009

Respectfully returned to Mr. Jofralito L. Lorico, Provincial Director, DILG Negros Oriental Office, the herein basic communication from Mayor Antonio Renacia of Sibulan, Negros Oriental requesting legal opinion on the power and authority of the municipality through its sangguniang bayan to establish a scholarship fund for poor but deserving students residing within the municipality in schools located within its jurisdiction.

The provision of Section 447(5)(xi) of the Local Government Code of 1991 is very clear and offers no other room for interpretation. Although a municipality may provide a scholarship fund for the poor, the same may only be applied to schools within its jurisdiction.

PEDRO A. NOVAL, JR.
Regional Director

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