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CARAGA REGION

JANUARY 12, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0015, s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

**PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL BASELINE STUDY ON GMRC AND VALUES
EDUCATION IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum DM-LS-2025-209, the Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems, through the Bureau of Learning Delivery, will conduct a National Baseline Study on the Implementation of Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC) and Values Education (VE) curriculum.

2. This initiative aims to gather evidence-based insights to improve instructional delivery and inform policy directions.

3. **Key Activities**

The study will employ three major data-gathering activities:

a. Online Teacher Survey

Mode: Online

Schedule: **December 2025 – January 23, 2026**

Coverage: **All** public-school teachers currently **teaching GMRC and/or VE.**

Access Link: <https://tinyurl.com/GMRCVETeacherSurvey>

Action: Teachers must complete the survey within the given timeline.

b. Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)

Mode: Online

Purpose: Gather qualitative insights on teachers' experiences and challenges.

Participants: **Selected teachers via purposive random sampling.**

Schedule: To be announced through a separate advisory.

c. Classroom Observations

Mode: Face-to-face

Purpose: Document authentic instructional practices and learner engagement.

Coverage: **Selected schools from Grades 1–10.**

Details: To be announced through a separate advisory.

4. **Caraga Region Participating Schools**

a. Pilot Schools:

- Baobaoan Integrated School (SDO Butuan City)
- Suyangan Elementary School (SDO Surigao del Norte)

- Santiago Central Elementary School (SDO Agusan del Norte)
- Socorro National High School (SDO Surigao del Norte)
- Pedro D. Duncano National High School (SDO Butuan City)

b. FGDs:

- Santiago Central Elementary School (**Grade 6**)
- Socorro National High School (**Grade 9**)
- Pedro D. Duncano National High School (**Grade 10**)

c. Classroom Observations:

- Baobaoan Integrated School (**Grades 1-6**)
- Pedro D. Duncano National High School (**Grades 7-10**)

5. Action Points for SDOs

- Disseminate this memorandum to all concerned schools and teachers immediately.
- Ensure participation of all eligible GMRC and VE teachers in the online survey within the prescribed timeline.
- Coordinate with the Regional Office for updates on FGDs and classroom observations.
- Monitor and report completion rates of the online survey to the Regional Office by January 24, 2026.

6. Attached herewith is a copy of DepEd Memorandum DM-LS-2025-209 for your reference.

7. For any inquiry or clarification, please contact Elizabeth M. Ysulan, Regional GMRC-VE/EsP Supervisor, via email at elizabeth.ysulan@deped.gov.ph.

8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

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Encl.: None

Reference: Memorandum (DM-LS-2025-209)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

CURRICULUM

SURVEY

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MEMORANDUM
DM-LS-2025-209

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM : CARMELA C. ORACION
Assistant Secretary
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION IN THE ONLINE TEACHER SURVEY, FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS, AND FIELD VALIDATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE NATIONAL BASELINE STUDY ON GOOD MANNERS AND RIGHT CONDUCT (GMRC) AND VALUES EDUCATION (VE) IMPLEMENTATION

DATE : December 1, 2025

The Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems (OULS), through the Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD), will conduct a **Series of Data-Gathering Activities** as part of the **National Baseline Study** on the current teaching, assessment, and grading practices in the **implementation of the Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC) and Values Education (VE) Curriculum**. This study aims to generate evidence-based insights that will strengthen instructional delivery, inform policy directions, and enhance learning delivery support systems for GMRC and VE.

To establish a comprehensive and reliable baseline, the study will employ a **layered and triangulated data-gathering approach** composed of an online survey, online focus group discussions, and classroom observations. The schedule and coverage of each activity are outlined below:

Activity	Mode	Schedule
1. Online Teacher Survey	Online	Dec 2025 – Jan 23, 2026
2. Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)	Online	To be announced
3. Field Validation (Classroom Observations)	Face-to-face	To be announced

The participants in these activities shall consist primarily of **public-school teachers nationwide who are currently assigned to teach GMRC and/or VE**. Teachers of Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (EsP) who are not presently handling GMRC or VE classes are **excluded** from the coverage of this study. Furthermore, since the Revised Curriculum for Grades 6, 9, and 10 are not yet fully implemented in the current



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school year, the data for these grade levels **shall be gathered exclusively from the pilot-implementing schools listed in Annex A** of this Memorandum.

The specific details for each data-gathering activity are as follows:

- A. **Online Survey Form.** This activity aims to capture the real conditions, challenges, and practices in the implementation of GMRC and VE across diverse school contexts. Participation of **all eligible teachers is highly encouraged**, as the integrity and usefulness of the national baseline study rely on honest and accurate responses.

The online survey may be accessed through the link: <https://tinyurl.com/GMRCVETeacherSurvey> or by scanning the QR code provided below.



All participants are expected to complete the survey **within the indicated timeline**.

- B. **Online FGDs.** This activity aims to gather deeper qualitative insights on teachers' lived experiences, contextual challenges, and emerging practices in the implementation of the GMRC and VE curriculum. Teachers who will participate in the FGDs shall be selected through a purposive random sampling approach.

The pre-identified participating regions and SDOs per grade level are provided in Annex B. The final list of teachers, together with the schedule, meeting links, and detailed instructions, shall be issued through a separate advisory.

- C. **Classroom Observations.** This activity aims to document authentic instructional practices, learner engagement, assessment behaviors, and school-level support mechanisms in the implementation of the curriculum.

Classroom observations will cover selected classes from Grades 1 to 10 in the **pre-identified regions, SDOs, and public secondary schools listed in Annex C.** While the sites and schools have been pre-selected to ensure diverse geographic representation, the specific teachers to be observed shall be



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identified through purposive random sampling to ensure fair, unbiased, and contextually representative coverage.

The detailed schedule of visits, the final list of participating teachers, observation protocols, and the roles and responsibilities of local counterparts shall likewise be issued through a separate advisory.

All Regional Directors are hereby **directed to extend full support** to the successful conduct of all data-gathering activities under this initiative.

For further inquiries or coordination, please contact **Ms. Krisha Anne M. Soriano**, Senior Education Program Specialist, Teaching and Learning Division, Bureau of Learning Delivery, at (02) 638-4799 or via email at **krishaanne.soriano@deped.gov.ph**.

For dissemination and strict compliance.

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Annex A to DM-LS-2025-209

**List of Participating Pilot Schools for the Series of Activities
under the GMRC & Values Education Baseline Study**

Region	SDO and School	
	Elementary (GMRC)	Secondary (VE)
Region I – Ilocos Region	- Caba Elementary School (SDO La Union) - Acao Elementary School (SDO La Union)	- Casacristo National High School (SDO La Union) - Don Rufino Olarte Memorial National High School (SDO La Union)
Region II – Cagayan Valley	- Cauayan North Central School (SDO Cauayan City, Isabela) - Dingading Integrated School – Elementary Level (SDO Isabela) - Villa Teresita Primary School (SDO Isabela)	- Lanna National High School (SDO Isabela) - Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo National High School (SDO Isabela)
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	- Calafug Elementary School (SDO Apayao) - Rizal Elementary School (SDO Baguio City) - Dofia Aurora Elementary School (SDO Baguio City)	- Lam-ayan Integrated School (SDO Benguet) - Bineng National High School (SDO Benguet)
National Capital Region (NCR)	- Dampalit Integrated School (SDO Malabon) - Muzon Elementary School (SDO Malabon)	- Tinajeros National High School (SDO Malabon) - Santiago Syjuco Integrated Secondary School (SDO Malabon)
Region VII – Central Visayas	- Tindog Integrated School (SDO Cebu Province) - San Fernando North Central School (SDO Cebu Province) - Tabogon Central Elementary School (SDO Cebu Province)	- Dumanjug National High School (SDO Cebu) - Liloan National High School (SDO Cebu)
Region XII – Soccsksargen	- Mlang Pilot Elementary School (SDO North Cotabato) - Alegria Central Elementary School (SDO Sarangani) - Lamlifew Integrated School (SDO Sarangani)	- Malalag National High School – Upo Annex (SDO Sarangani) - Alegri National High School (SDO Sarangani)
CARAGA Region	- Baobaoan Integrated School – Elementary Level (SDO Butuan City) - Suyangan Elementary School (SDO Surigao del Norte) - Santiago Central Elementary School (SDO Agusan del Norte)	- Socorro National High School (SDO Surigao del Norte) - Pedro D. Duncano National High School (SDO Butuan City)



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Annex B to DM-LS-2025-209

List of Schools Participating in the Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) for the GMRC & Values Education Baseline Study

Table 1. List of Schools for Grades 1-6

Schedule	Grade Level	Cluster	Region	SDO	School	No. of GMRC Teacher-Participants		
						Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Day 1	Key Stage 1 (Grade s 1-3)	Luzon	II	Cagayan	Baggao East Central School	1	1	1
		Luzon	V	Sorsogon Province	Gubat North Central School	1	1	1
		Visayas	NIR	Bais	Bais City Pilot Elementary School	1	1	1
		Visayas	VIII	Baybay City	Baybay Central School	1	1	1
		Mindanao	IX	Pagadian City	Pagadian City Pilot Elementary School	1	1	1
		Mindanao	XI	Tagum City	Tagum City Central Elementary School	1	1	1
						Grade 4	Grade 5	
Day 2	Key Stage 2 (Grade s 4 & 5)	Luzon	CALABARZO N	Rizal Province	San Jose Elementary School	1	1	
		Luzon	NCR	Malabon	Muzon Elementary School	1	1	
		Visayas	VI	Guimaras	Jordan Central Elementary School	1	1	
		Visayas	VIII	Eastern Samar	Borongan Pilot Elementary School	1	1	
		Mindanao	X	Bukidnon	Malaybalay City Central Elementary School	1	1	
		Mindanao	BARM	Lanao Del Sur I	Bubong Elementary School	1	1	
						Grade 6		
Day 3	Grade 6	Luzon	I	La Union	Caba Elementary School	1		
		Luzon	NCR	Malabon	Dampalit Integrated School	1		
		Visayas	VII	Cebu Province	Tindog Integrated School	1		



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	Visayas			Tabogon Central Elementary School	1	
	Mindanao	XII	Sarangani	Alegria Central Elementary School	1	
	Mindanao	CARAGA	Agusan del Norte	Santiago Central Elementary School	1	
Total No of Pax for the FGDs (Grades 1-6)						36

Table 2. List of Schools for Grades 7-10

Schedule	Grade Level	Cluster	Region	SDO	School	No. of VE Teacher-Participants
Day 1	Grade 7	Luzon	III	Zambales	Iba National High School	1
		Luzon	MIMAROPA	Puerto Princesa City	Palawan National School	1
		Visayas	NIR	Dumaguete City	Dumaguete City National High School	1
		Visayas	VII	Bohol	Bilar National High School	1
		Mindanao	IX	Dapitan City	Potungan National High School	1
		Mindanao	BARMM	Basilan	Maluso National High School	1
No. of FGD Pax for Grade 7:						6
Day 2	Grade 8	Luzon	CALABARZON	Quezon Province	Lucban National High School	1
		Luzon	NCR	Pasay	Pasay City National High School	1
		Visayas	VI	Passi City	Passi National High School	1
		Visayas	VIII	Samar	Calbiga National High School	1
		Mindanao	X	Cagayan de Oro City	Cagayan de Oro National High School – PN Campus	1
		Mindanao	XI	Davao Oriental	Baganga National High School	1
No. of FGD Pax for Grade 8:						6



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Day 3	Grade 9	Luzon	I	La Union	Casacristo National High School	1
		Luzon	NCR	Malabon City	Tinajeros National High School	2
		Visayas	VII	Cebu	Dumanjug National High School	1
		Mindanao	XII	Sarangani	Malalag National High School – Upo Annex	1
		Mindanao	CARAGA	Surigao Del Norte	Socorro National High School	1
No. of FGD Pax for Grade 9:						6
Day 4	Grade 10	Luzon	II	Isabela	Lanna National High School	1
		Luzon	CAR	Benguet	Lam-ayan Integrated School	1
		Visayas	VII	Cebu	Liloan National High School	2
		Mindanao	XII	Sarangani	Alegri National High School	1
		Mindanao	CARAGA	Butuan City	Pedro D. Duncano National High School	1
No. of FGD Pax for Grade 10:						6
			Total No of Pax for the FGDs (Grades 7-10)			24



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Annex C to DM-LS-2025-109

List of Schools Participating in the Classroom Observation for the GMRC & Values Education Baseline Study

Table 1. List of Schools for Grades 1-6

Cluster	Region	SDO	School	No. of GMRC Teacher-Participants					
				Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Luzon	I	Urdaneta City	Urdaneta Central Elementary School	1		1	1		
	II	*Cauayan City	Cauayan North Central School		1		1	1	1
	CAR	*Baguio City	Doña Aurora Elementary School					1	2
			Rizal Elementary School	1	1				1
	NCR	*Malabon City	Dampalit Integrated School		1	1	1		1
		*Malabon City	Muzon Elementary School	1		1			1
	V	Sorsogon Province	Gubat North Central School		1		1	1	
		Sorsogon City	Sorsogon East Central School	1		1		1	
Sub-total for Luzon:				4	4	4	4	4	6
Visayas	VI	Iloilo	Iloilo Central Elementary School	1		1	1		
			Arevalo Elementary School		2		1	1	
	VII	*Cebu	San Fernando North Central School	1		1		1	2
			Tabogon Central Elementary School		1	1	1		
	VIII	Leyte	Palo Central School	1		1	1	1	
			Tanauan I Central School	1	1			1	
Sub-total for Visayas:				4	4	4	4	4	2
Mindanao	IX	Zamboanga City	Zamboanga Central School	1		1		1	
			Tetuan Central School		1		1	1	
	X	Cagayan de Oro City	City Central School	2		1			
			Lumbia Central School		1		1	1	



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	XII	*Sarangani	Alegria Central Elementary School		1				2
			Lamlifew Integrated School			1	1		1
	CARA GA	*Butuan City	Baobaoan Integrated School	1				1	1
			Lumbia Central School		1	1	1		
Sub-total for Mindanao:				4	4	4	4	4	4
Total per Grade Level:				12	12	12	12	12	12

Table 2. List of Schools for Grades 7-10

Cluster	Region	SDO	School	No. of VE Teacher-Participants			
				Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10
Luzon	III	Pampanga	San Matias National High School	1	1		
	*CAR	Benguet	Bineng National High School	1	1	2	2
	*NCR	Malabon City	Tinajeros National High School	1	1	2	2
	CALABARZON	Cavite Province	General Mariano Alvarez National High School	1	1		
Visayas	VI	Aklan	Balabag National High School	1	1		
	*VII	Cebu	Dumanjug National High School	1	1	2	2
	*VII	Cebu	Liloan National High School	1	1	2	2
	VIII	Tacloban	Tacloban City National High School	1	1		
Mindanao	X	Bukidnon	Impasug-ong National High School	1	1		
	IX	Zamboanga City	Zamboanga City National High School	1	1		
	*XII	Sarangani	Malalag National High School - Upo Annex	1	1	2	2
	*CARAGA	Butuan City	Pedro D. Duncano National High School	1	1	2	2
Total per Grade Level:				12	12	12	12