



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

JANUARY 22, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 0059, s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

**PARTICIPATION IN THE FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) ON THE ACADEMIC
RECOVERY AND ACCESSIBLE LEARNING (ARAL) PROGRAM**

1. In reference to DepEd Memorandum DM-OULS-2026-011 dated January 16, 2026, issued by the Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems, the following schools are designated to participate in the Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on the Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program on January 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. using this link <https://msteams.link/8KC5>:

Category	Division	School/District	Participant
ARAL Coordinator	CLMD	Regional Office	Maria Consuelo C. Jamera
PSDS	Agusan del Norte	Buenavista District	Adelaida S. Pacon
School Heads	Agusan del Norte	Santiago National HS, Santiago District	Jay F. Balesta
	Agusan del Sur	Bunaguit Integrated School, Esperanza III	Elmer G. Tayon
	Bayugan City	Agusan del Sur Pilot Laboratory School, Bayugan Central	Fe T. Maloloy-on
	Surigao del Sur	Gamut National HS, Tago District	Basilisa M. Raz
Teachers	Agusan del Norte	Agyabao Elem. School, Las Nieves East District	Jenefer G. Lomagod
	Dinagat Islands	Valencia National HS, Cagdianao District	Jesiel A. Gonzales
	Surigao City	Surigao City Special Science ES, District IV	Marley T. Migullas
	Tandag City	Rosario Integrated School	Maika G. Montenegro

2. Participants from high-performing and low-performing schools based on Middle-of-the-School-Year (MoSY) assessment results are expected to actively engage in the discussion and share good practices, challenges, and recommendations on ARAL Program implementation and accomplish the required prework questions through this link: <http://tiny.cc/xqmx001> prior to the scheduled session.

3. Attached is the DepEd Memorandum for your guidance and information.



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4. For more information, send messages to caraga_clmd@deped.gov.ph.
5. For immediate dissemination.

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Director IV
Regional Director

Encl.: None

Reference: Memorandum (DM-OULS-2026-011)

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

DISCUSSION

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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR LEARNING SYSTEMS

MEMORANDUM
DM-OULS-2026-011

TO : Regional Office Directors
HRDD & CLMD Chiefs
NEAP R Focal Persons
Schools Division Office Superintendents
ARAL Focal Persons/Reading Focal Persons
All Others Concerned

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

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) ON THE ACADEMIC RECOVERY AND ACCESSIBLE LEARNING (ARAL) PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

DATE : 16 January 2026

1. Pursuant to Republic Act 12028, otherwise known as the Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning Act, the State adopts a policy of supporting learners through the establishment of a free and effective national learning intervention program to ensure that learners who are struggling, particularly in reading, mathematics, and science, are able to attain the required learning competencies at their respective levels. Towards this end, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP), shall conduct a virtual focus group discussion (FGD) in preparation for the Program implementation for SY 2026-2027.
2. This activity aims to identify effective practices, implementation gaps, and consolidated recommendations that shall serve as technical inputs for the refinement of the ARAL Program Implementation Plan, Training Design, and Training Resource Packages (TRPs) for SY 2026-2027.
3. Regional Offices (ROs), in coordination with Schools Division Offices (SDOs), are requested to:
 - a. identify participants in the FGD based on the set guidelines;
 - b. ensure the accomplishment of pre-work needed for the FGD;
 - c. reiterate active participation of the recommended participants; and
 - d. guarantee dissemination of information and instructions
4. ROs are requested to select participants from both low- and high-performing schools based on the results of the Middle-of-the-School-Year (MOSY) assessments and monitoring reports from their respective regions and divisions. Further, Regional Focals

are requested to submit the details of the identified participants through the following link: <http://tiny.cc/rxm001>.

5. The schedule and meeting links for the FGD are as follows:
 - a. Group A - Region III, Region I, and Region IV-A
January 21, 2026; 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Link: <https://msteams.link/H564>
 - b. Group B - Region IV-B, Region II, and NCR
January 21, 2026; 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Link: <https://msteams.link/BMXJ>
 - c. Group C - Region VI, NIR, and Region V
January 22, 2026; 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Link: <https://msteams.link/QSWN>
 - d. Group D - Region VII, Region VIII, and CAR
January 22, 2026; 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Link: <https://msteams.link/5GZE>
 - e. Group E - Region IX and Region X
January 23, 2026; 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Link: <https://msteams.link/GA9Q>
 - f. Group F - Region XI, Region XII, and CARAGA
January 23, 2026; 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Link: <https://msteams.link/8KC5>
6. Participants are expected to actively engage in the discussions and share concrete experiences, challenges, and recommendations relevant to the ARAL Program implementation. This Office respectfully requests that the prework questions from this link: <http://tiny.cc/xqm001> be accomplished by the select participants prior to the schedule of the group.
7. In this regard, the confirmation of attendance, including the name of the select participant, is kindly requested **on or before Tuesday, January 20, 2026**.
8. For inquiries or clarifications, please send an email to neap.od@deped.gov.ph, with a copy furnished to neap.qad@deped.gov.ph addressed to **NEAP ARAL TEAM** or through landline (02) 8638-8638.
9. The Academy looks forward to a favorable response and sincerely expresses its gratitude for the continued support in advancing the professional development of educators for all our ARAL learners.