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Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: Schools Division Superintendents
School Heads, Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

CONDUCT OF THE BLENDED LEARNING 4.1 PRE-IMPLEMENTATION CAPACITY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026–2027

1. In line with the Department of Education's efforts to strengthen learning continuity and ensure system readiness for flexible delivery modalities, this Regional Office announces the conduct of the **Blended Learning (BL) 4.1 Pre-Implementation Capacity Development Program**, intended for Grade 9 Teacher-Facilitators and Instructional Leaders in identified pilot schools for School Year (SY) 2026–2027.
2. This activity is anchored on the policy directions set forth in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2026 on the implementation of the school calendar, and DepEd Order No. 14, s. 2026 or the *Guidelines on Learning Continuity in Emergencies*, which emphasize that learning delivery shall be responsive to varying conditions while ensuring continuity, quality, and learner well-being.
3. The BL 4.1 framework operationalizes a structured **four-day face-to-face and one-day Home Learning Day (HLD) model**, designed to decongest classrooms, support flexible learning delivery, and strengthen preparedness for disruptions. This aligns with the Department's thrust to provide accessible and resilient learning systems, particularly for learners in vulnerable contexts.
4. The program shall be implemented through the following tracks and modalities:

4.1 Teacher-Facilitators (Face-to-Face, in Batches)

- **Batch 1:** June 10–11, 2026
- **Batch 2:** June 16–17, 2026
- **Arrival (Day 0):** June 9 (Batch 1) and June 15 (Batch 2)
- **Venue:** Within Butuan City, to be specified in a separate issuance

In addition to the identified Grade 9 teacher-participants, the **Blended Learning SDO Focal Person and the Division Information Technology Officer (DITO)** shall also participate in the training corresponding to their assigned batch schedule. These personnel shall form part of the division delegation to ensure alignment of program implementation at the school and division levels, particularly

in the areas of instructional delivery, technical support, and system readiness for BL 4.1 implementation.

The **Division Information Technology Officers (DITOs)** shall form part of the **Program Management Team (PMT)** and shall serve as **co-facilitators** during the conduct of the training. They shall provide technical assistance to the Regional Information Technology Officer (RITO), particularly during the **demonstration and hands-on sessions on the Blended Learning 4.1 Learning Management System (BL 4.1 LMS)**.

4.2 Instructional Leaders (Online via MS Teams)

- **Date:** June 18, 2026

4.3 ICT Orientation for System Readiness

- **Date:** June 19, 2026
- **Participants:** Division ICT Coordinators and School ICT Coordinators of pilot schools
- **Facilitator:** Regional ICT Unit
- **Further details** shall be disseminated through a separate issuance

4.4. Virtual Orientation on BL 4.1 Overview and Pre-Test Administration

A **virtual orientation** shall be conducted on **June 29, 2026 via MS Teams** to provide a **quick overview of the Blended Learning 4.1 (BL 4.1) framework** to all identified treatment and control schools and to orient participants on the **administration of the pre-test** for the pilot implementation. Participants to this activity shall include **CID Chiefs, Blended Learning SDO Focals, Division Testing Coordinators (DTCs), Division Information Technology Officers (DITOs), School Heads, School Blended Learning Focal Persons, and School ICT Coordinators** from both the treatment and control groups. This orientation aims to ensure alignment in program understanding, standardization in pre-test administration, and readiness of participating schools prior to full program rollout.

5. Participants shall be drawn from identified Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and pilot schools, with slot allocation strictly based on the approved matrix. The official list of participants is accessible through the following link: <https://bit.ly/BL41CapBParticipants>

6. Participants residing **beyond 50-kilometer radius** are entitled to:

- **Dinner and accommodation on Day 0**
 - June 9 (Batch 1)
 - June 15 (Batch 2)
- Meals shall be provided throughout the duration of the training.

- The **last meal to be served** shall be:
 - **Afternoon snacks on June 11 (Batch 1)**
 - **Afternoon snacks on June 17 (Batch 2)**

7. All participants are required to bring their Approved Travel Authority, laptop, extension wire, Portable WiFi or mobile data. These are necessary to support active participation in workshops and LMS-based activities.

All participants are required to **bring and wear their official DepEd-issued Identification Card (ID) at all times for the full duration of the training**. This measure is intended to ensure proper identification, facilitate participant monitoring, and maintain security and order within the training venue.

In line with the Department's policy on prudent and efficient use of resources, all participants are advised to observe austerity measures by **bringing their own note-taking materials, such as ballpen, notebook, or writing paper, for the duration of the training**. This is to ensure uninterrupted participation in all sessions while promoting cost-efficiency and responsible resource management.

8. Considering that **Batch 2 (June 16–17, 2026)** falls within the Instructional Block, Schools Division Offices and School Heads shall ensure that appropriate **learning continuity measures** are implemented, including: asynchronous learning tasks, alternative learning delivery modalities, class coverage or substitution arrangements. This is consistent with DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2026, which allows school-related activities during the Instructional Block, provided that disruption to instructional time is minimized.

9. Travel expenses and other allowable expenses of the participants shall be charged against their respective **Division/School Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and/or local funds**, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

10. Schools Division Offices are hereby directed to ensure the **full participation of all assigned personnel** in the conduct of the activity, facilitate the **timely issuance of approved travel authorities**, and ensure the **immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned schools** within their respective jurisdictions. They shall likewise **monitor compliance and the submission of required outputs** to ensure that program objectives and deliverables are achieved in accordance with established standards and timelines.

11. Outputs generated during the training, particularly WHLPs and governance tools, shall be monitored and validated by CLMD and CID through the Chiefs and focal persons to ensure readiness before the first Home Learning Day.

12. For immediate and widest dissemination to all concerned.

MARIA INES C. ASUNCION

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**Annex A: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND SLOT ALLOCATION PER SCHOOLS
DIVISION OFFICE (SDO)**

Blended Learning 4.1 Pre-Implementation Capacity Development Program
(Training of Teacher-Facilitators and Instructional Leaders for BL 4.1 Implementation,
SY 2026–2027)

A. TEACHER-FACILITATORS (FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING)

Batch 1 (June 10–11, 2026)

Schools Division Office	School/Office	No. of Slots
Agusan del Norte	Jabonga NHS	8
	Kitcharao NHS	8
	Magallanes NHS	10
	Santiago NHS	9
	SDO (ITO and SDO Focal)	2
Agusan del Sur	Agusan del Sur NHS	8
	Agusan del Sur National Science HS	7
	Bunawan NHS	8
	Prosperidad NHS	8
	San Luis NHS	8
	Sta. Josefa NHS	8
	Trento NHS	8
	Sinobong NHS	8
	SDO (ITO and SDO Focal)	2
Bayugan City	Marcelina NHS	8
	Mt. Carmel NHS	8
	Salvacion NHS	8
	SDO (ITO and SDO Focal)	2
Butuan City	Banza NHS	8
	Libertad NHS	16
	Ampayon NHS	8
	Ambago IS	8
	Maon IS	8
	SDO (ITO and SDO Focal)	2
Surigao City	Taft NHS	8
	SDO (ITO and SDO Focal)	2
Tandag City	Jacinto P. Elpa NHS	9
	SDO (ITO and SDO Focal)	2

Batch 2 (June 16–17, 2026)

SDO	School	No. of Slots
Bislig City	Tabon M. Estrella NHS	8
	SDO (ITO and SDO Focal)	2
Cabadbaran City	Cabadbaran City NHS	24
	SDO (ITO and SDO Focal)	2
Dinagat Islands	Cagdianao NHS	8
	Loreto NHS	8
	Tag-abaca NHS	8
	SDO (ITO and SDO Focal)	2
Siargao	General Luna NHS	8
	Del Carmen NHS	8
	Socorro NHS	8
	SDO (ITO and SDO Focal)	2
Surigao del Norte	Alegria NHS	8
	Mainit NHS	8
	Amando A. Fabio Sr. NHS	8
	Surigao del Norte NHS	8
	Toledo S. Pantilo Sr. MNHS	8
	SDO (ITO and SDO Focal)	2
Surigao del Sur	Barobo NHS	9
	Cantilan NHS	9
	Tagbina NHS	8
	Florita Herrera Irizari NHS	8
	Tigao NHS	9
	Gamut NHS	7
	Madrid NHS	8
	Unidad NHS	8
	SDO (ITO and SDO Focal)	2