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Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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To: Schools Division Superintendents) Division of Agusan del Norte
All Others Concerned) Division of Bayugan City
) Division of Butuan City

**PILOT TESTING OF THE DATA GATHERING TOOLS FOR THE CONDUCT OF
THE NATIONAL ALS RESEARCH STUDY**

1. In accordance with Memorandum DM-OULS-2026-03, issued by the Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems on January 29, 2026, the Bureau of Alternative Education – Program Management and System Development Division (BAE-PMSDD) has developed data gathering tools for the National ALS Research Study entitled: 'Towards the Enhancement of Learning Outcomes in Alternative Learning System: An Evaluation of Teaching Practices and the 4As Approach.' These tools are scheduled for pilot testing at the Buenavista Community Learning Center on a date to be announced.

2. **Aim of the Pilot Testing.** To validate the clarity, functionality, reliability, and usability of the data gathering tools and gather initial feedback from field implementers.

3. **Participants:**

Agusan del Norte SDO-11 ALS Teachers
Bayugan City SDO – 15 ALS teachers
Butuan City SDO – 11 ALS teachers

All participants are required to bring their laptops for the pilot testing.

4. **Funding.** Travel and other incidental expenses of participants shall be charged to local FLO-ALS PSF, which is released to the Regional Office and subsequently downloaded to SDO, in accordance with accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. For further information, please refer to the attached Memorandum.

6. For inquiries, please contact the Regional ALS Focal Person, Josephine Chonie M. Obsenares, via email at josephinechonie.obsenares@deped.gov.ph

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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MEMORANDUM

DM-OULS-2026-031

TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT : **PILOT TESTING OF THE DATA GATHERING TOOLS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL ALS RESEARCH STUDY**

DATE : January 29, 2026

The Bureau of Alternative Education – Program Management and System Development Division (BAE-PMSDD), developed data gathering tools for the conduct of the National ALS Research Study titled *“Towards the Enhancement of Learning Outcomes in Alternative Learning System: An Evaluation of Teaching Practices and the 4As Approach.”*.

In this regard, this Office respectfully requests the Regional Offices to conduct the pilot testing of the said tools in the **identified Schools Division Offices** listed in *Attachment 1*. The Pilot Testing aims to validate the functionality, clarity, reliability, and usability of the developed observation tools, as well as to generate initial feedback and recommendations from field implementers prior to their full-scale deployment.

Expenses will be charged to the Program Support Fund PSF and local fund while travel and other incidental expenses will be charged to the funds comprehensively released to the Regional Offices and will be paid in full upon submission of the travel documents, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The downloading of funds to the participants' respective Schools Division Offices is highly encouraged when deemed necessary and applicable. In cases where the downloaded funds are not sufficient to cover the actual expenses incurred, the Program Support Fund (PSF) FY 2025 or local funds will be utilized to augment the reimbursement of said expenses.

For queries or clarifications, please contact **Mr. Pepito C. Ventura**, Senior Education Program Specialist of BAE-PMSDD through email at pepito.ventura@deped.gov.ph or bae.pmsdd@deped.gov.ph.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is directed.

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