



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

JANUARY 23, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0070, s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

2026 REGIONAL ACADEMIC AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT-
REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RASD-RFOT)

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) Caraga, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), will conduct the **2026 Regional Academic and Skills Development - Regional Festival of Talents (RASD-RFOT)**, with the theme, **“Creative Expression, Credible Journalism: Empowering Learners in a Digital World”** on February 16-20, 2026, in Nasipit, Agusan del Norte, with the Municipality of Nasipit and Schools Division Office of Agusan del Norte as hosts. An **Opening Program** will be held on February 16, 2026 at Nasipit Central Elementary School playground. All participating School Division Offices (SDOs) are reminded to bring their division banners. A **Solidarity Meeting** for RO and SDO focal persons per event will take place on February 15, 2026 at 1:00-5:00 PM at the designated contest venues.

2. The activity aims to provide learners from public and private elementary and secondary schools, as well as those from the Alternative Learning System (ALS), Indigenous People Education (IPEd), Special Needs Education (SNEd), and Madrasah Education Program (MEP) an opportunity to showcase their talents and skills while exploring and appreciating their culture. It also serves as a platform for strengthening teachers’ and learners’ knowledge and skills sets through inputs from invited experts.

3. As a co-curricular activity, the RFOT is an annual DepEd program that served as a culminating performance of learners, It provides meaningful learning opportunities to showcase multiple intelligences, and value-laden talents and skills as solid evidence of learning across academic areas, inclusive, and special curricular programs, in accordance with the Enhanced Basic K to 12 curriculum learning standards and competencies which support the Department’s core values and goal of producing functionally literate-numerate, holistically developed Filipinos.

4. Participation in the 2026 RFOT is voluntary and shall not, in any way, affect the teachers’ **time-on- task**, as the activity’s target learning standards and competencies are already embedded in classroom teaching and assessment processes.

5. All RFOT events be will be held as **competitions**, and each learner – participant may compete in **only one** event category. The following documents shall be prepared for submission to the RTWG:
- a. School Form 9 (Learner’s Progress Report Card)
 - b. School Form 10 (Learner’s Permanent Academic Record)
 - c. Learner-participants consent from parents or legal guardians using the Consent Form
 - d. Learner-participants and teacher-coaches Medical Certificate
6. Learner – participants shall wear their prescribed outfit during the contest in accordance with their respective Contest Guidelines.
7. The SDOs and schools shall ensure strict observance of minimum health protocols to ensure safety within all activity premises.
8. Travel, food expenses and other incidental expenses of official delegates shall be charged to school’s Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE, local/regional funds/ Special Education Funds (SEF), and/or other fund sources, subject to government accounting and auditing procedures.
9. All teaching and non-teaching personnel attending on weekends are entitled to a Service Credit or Compensatory Time – Off (CTO) in accordance with CSC and DBM Memorandum No 2, s. 2004.
10. For queries or concerns, contact the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) through Bernabe L. Linog, Chief CLMD, or Celsa M. Cataluña, EPS – CLMD, at telephone number (085) 342-6267, local 120, or via email at celsa.cataluna@deped.gov.ph.
11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.

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Encl.: None

Reference: REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 0266 s. 2025

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