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Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0168, s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

ADDENDUM TO REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 0099 S. 2026: 3RD REGIONAL
CHILD PROTECTION SUMMIT CUM PROJECT PITCHING
COMPETITION ON MENTAL HEALTH

1. This addendum is in reference to regional memorandum no. 0099 s. 2026 entitled *3rd Regional Child Protection Summit Cum Project Pitching Competition on Mental Health* scheduled for **February 25-27, 2026**, at Amontay Beach Resort, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte.
2. This addendum is issued to furnish additional details concerning the attached enclosures:
 - a. Criteria and Mechanics
 - b. List of Participants
 - c. Assigned DepEd Core Value Category for each SDO
3. The names reflected in the list of participants are those who will attend the event and will receive the polo shirts to be distributed and worn during the activity.
4. All other provisions of RM 0099 s. 2026 remain in effect.
5. For inquiries, please contact Ms. Leah Ellen V. Yaoyao, Technical Assistant I of the School Mental Health Program, DepEd Caraga Regional Office, via email at **leahellen.yaoyao@deped.gov.ph** or by phone at **09543940384**.
6. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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Reference: RM No. 0099 s. 2026

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(Enclosure No. 1 to Regional Memorandum No. 0168 , s. 2026)

Criteria and Mechanics

Activity: 3rd Regional Child Protection Summit cum Project Pitching Competition on Mental Health

Date: February 25-27, 2026

Venue: Amontay Beach Resort, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte

I. Objectives:

The Department of Education (DepEd) Regional Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), the School Mental Health Program, and the Youth Formation Program, is organizing a regional project pitching competition on mental health to empower youth leaders to develop innovative mental health initiatives. These initiatives should be aligned with DepEd's core values: (Maka-tao, Makabansa, Makakalikasan, and Maka-Diyos.)

The competition will engage students in designing and pitching projects that address mental health issues and promote student well-being, with each team representing one of the core values.

II. Eligibility:

Participants: Teams composed of:

- Participating SDO shall be represented either public or private school to ensure inclusivity among participating schools.
- Each team is composed of:
 - ✓ **3 learner members:** 1 presenter, 1 documenter and 1 researcher/writer
 - ✓ **1 Youth Formation Program Coordinator** (as Coach/Chaperone) and/or **1 School Mental Health Program Coordinator** (as Coach/Chaperone).

III. Categories:

Each team will be assigned to one of the following four categories based on DepEd's core values: (3 entries per category)

Maka-tao (Humanitarian): Projects promoting social inclusion, mental health advocacy, and support for marginalized communities.

Makabansa (Patriotic): Projects that focus on promoting national pride, resilience, and collective well-being.

Makakalikasan (Environmental): Projects that connect environmental sustainability with mental health and well-being.

Maka-Diyos (Spiritual): Projects that integrate spiritual practices and values to promote emotional well-being and inner peace.

IV. Project Development Process:

The competition will consist of multiple stages:

Stage 1: Team Formation and Initial Planning



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Teams are formed and assigned to a specific core value (Makatao, Makabansa, Makakalikasan, and Maka-Diyos). Youth Formation Program Coordinators and School Mental Health Program Coordinators will serve as mentors and coaches, guiding teams through the project development process.

Teams will research mental health issues, identify solutions, and design a project proposal.

Stage 2: Mentoring and Proposal Refinement

Participating teams will submit a draft of their project proposal to their coaches for review.

Coaches will provide feedback and support to refine the projects, ensuring they are aligned with mental health goals and DepEd's core values.

Stage 3: Final Project Submission

Teams will submit their final pitch deck. This should include:

A. Title and Description

A title that clearly reflects the initiative's purpose and incorporates the assigned DepEd core value (Maka-tao, Makabansa, Makakalikasan, or Maka-Diyos). Provide a concise summary explaining the project's core idea, the mental health issue it aims to address, and its importance for student well-being. Describe how the project aligns with the assigned core value, showing its connection to whether it is Maka-tao (humanitarian), Makabansa (patriotic), Makakalikasan (environmental), or Maka-diyos (spirituality), depending on the value. This description should communicate the initiative's intended impact and relevance to the DepEd framework.

Provide the sex disaggregated data (in figures) of the involved beneficiaries or population. Include other gender related statistics if available – age, sexual orientation, IP, PWD, children, etc.

B. Objectives and Outcomes

Define clear goals and objectives related to student mental health, aligned with the assigned DepEd core value (Maka-tao, Makabansa, Makakalikasan, or Maka-Diyos).

Describe the anticipated impact, such as improvements in student's resilience or well-being.

C. Proposed activities or interventions

Key actions or programs (e.g., workshops, campaigns, support groups) to be implemented in schools. Each activity should directly address mental health issues and promote student well-being.

D. Resources and Budget

This section outlines the necessary resources for the project, including materials, staff, and facilities. A preliminary budget estimate is provided, specifying the costs for each resource, in alignment with the ₱45,000 grand prize. This fund will be downloaded to the school's division offices (SDOs) from the Regional Office. It



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is the responsibility of the SDOs to determine how the funds will be allocated for the project's implementation.

E. Timeline for Implementation

Provide a phased timeline detailing key activities and milestones, along with their specific timeframes for completion, for the year 2026. The project should be implemented and completed within the year 2026.

F. Potential Challenges and Solutions

Potential obstacles that might arise during the implementation phase. Creating solutions or mitigation strategies to overcome these challenges.

G. Project Summary

Recap of the project's objectives, its alignment with the assigned DepEd core value, and the anticipated impact on student mental health and well-being.

H. Annexes (Documentation, References)

Stage 4: Project Pitching (Competition Day)

Each team will have a maximum of 5 minutes to present their project, from the introduction through the conclusion, to a panel of judges. Following this, there will be a Q&A session where the judges can ask clarifying questions.

V. Projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Innovation and Creativity (30%)

Alignment with Core Values (20%)

Relevance (20%)

Feasibility, Sustainability, and Replicability (15%)

Presentation and Delivery (15%)

Criteria	Percentage	Total Points
Innovation and Creativity	30%	30 points
Alignment with Core Values	20%	20 points
Relevance	20%	20 points
Feasibility, Sustainability, and Replicability	15%	15 points
Presentation and Delivery	15%	15 points
Total	100%	100 points

VI. Presentation Format:

Each team's presentation must be limited to a **maximum of 10 slides** only.

VII. Project Summary Handouts for Panelists

Provide brief project summary handouts for the panelists, outlining the core components of the project pitch. These summaries should align with the presentation content, offering a clear overview of the project's objectives, activities, expected outcomes, and key information at a glance.

VIII. Evaluation Criteria:

The judging panel will assess the following aspects:



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(Judges shall come from various DepEd units on the designation of program owners, partnered agencies, and youth development organizations.)

- **Innovation and Creativity (30%):** Originality of the project idea and its approach to solving mental health challenges.

Sample questions:

What activities and/ or methods are you planning to pursue to achieve your objectives?

How unique and innovative would your project be from existing projects or initiatives that are similar in theme or theme that you are addressing?

Alignment with DepEd Core Values (20%): How well the project integrates and reflects the assigned core value (Maka-tao, Makabansa, Makakalikasan, Maka- Diyos).

Sample questions:

How well does the project align with the assigned core value of DepEd (Maka-tao, Makabansa, Makakalikasan, Maka-Diyos)?

How well does the project reflect the meaning and goals of the core value, particularly in the context of mental health and student well-being?

Are the project activities and objectives consistent with the values of the chosen core value?

Relevance (20%): The project's potential to create a positive impact and its relevance to the needs of students and the community.

Sample questions:

Who are your target audience?

How do you think they can benefit from your project?

How would you like to keep your community and stakeholders engaged, mobilized, and involved in your project?

How do you think your project can influence your target community's perception, behavior, and even the way of life especially regarding the problem that you are addressing?



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Feasibility, Sustainability and Replicability (20%): Practicality of the project in terms of resources, timeline, and long-term sustainability is ensured, making it feasible for replication in other division offices, schools, and community-based organizations.

Sample questions:

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How replicable do you think this project would be, which would be enough and feasible to be done in various school's division offices across the Philippines? In other words, how would you envision this project to continuously be implemented not only in your school/division but in others as well?

Presentation and Delivery (15%): Clarity, effectiveness (delivery), and professionalism (mastery) in presenting the idea and engagement with the judges.

IX. Prizes and Recognition:

Grand Winners (1 team per category)

Each of the 4 core value categories (Maka-tao, Makabansa, Makakalikasan, Maka-Diyos) will have 1 grand winner.

Grand Prize: ₱45,000 for the winning team.

Certificate of Recognition: A certificate of recognition will be awarded to each winning team of each core value category.

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Project Funding: The grand prize of ₱45,000 will be used by the winning teams to implement their proposed projects and activities in their schools.

Consolation Prizes: All remaining teams that did not win in their respective categories will still be awarded ₱10,000 for their project funding.

Certificate of Participation: Each member and coach of the remaining teams will receive a certificate recognizing their participation.

X. Special Awards

Special awards may likewise be conferred to deserving teams or individuals who demonstrate exceptional performance or unique contributions.



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Assigned DepEd Core Value Category for each SDO

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	Butuan City
	Agusan del Norte
<i>Makabansa</i>	Dinagat Islands
	Cabadbaran City
	Bislig City
<i>Makakalikasan</i>	Surigao del Norte
	Agusan del Sur
	Siargao
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