



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

MARCH 18, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0257, s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

PARTICIPATION TO THE 2026 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (NFOT)

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) Learning Systems Strand, through the Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD), will conduct the **2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT)** in Roxas City, Capiz, Region VI, on April 18 - 22, 2026 (exclusive of travel time).
2. Relative to this, this Office announces the official delegates of Caraga Region to the 2026 NFOT. All delegates should be in Roxas City on or before April 18, 2026. The delegation will be billeted at Katipunan Village Elementary School.
3. The host region and division shall provide kits, identification tags, contest materials, and other eligible supplies and materials.
4. Attached are the following enclosures for your reference.
 - Enclosure 1: List Official Delegates
 - Enclosure 2: Consent Form for Learner's Participation
 - Enclosure 3: Content, Waiver, Indemnity, and Released
 - Enclosure 4: Consent Form for the Teaching and Non – Teaching Personnel Participation in the 2026 NFOT
 - Enclosure 5: Certification as Official Teacher-Coach
 - Enclosure 6: Certification of Replacement
5. The following documents shall be prepared for submission to the National Technical Working Group (NTWG):

For Learner -Participants	For Teacher - Coaches
1 Photocopy of School ID	1 Photocopy of School ID
1 Photocopy of the approved Travel Authority	1 Photocopy of the approved Travel Authority
1 Certified true copy of Medical Certificate with remarks "Fit to Travel and Participate in the 2026 NFOT"	1 Certified true copy of Medical Certificate with remarks "Fit to Travel and Participate in the 2026 NFOT"
1 Certified true copy of Medical Assessment (only learners-participants with disabilities (LWDs))	Original copy of Certificate as Official Teacher – Coach (signed by the Schools Division Superintendent, indicating that the teacher – coach is the designated classroom/subject/ ALS teacher of
1 Certified true copy of School Form 9 (Learner's Progress	

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Report Card)	the learner –participant(s) and have direct supervision over him/her/them) see Enclosure 5
1 Original copy of signed NFOT Consent Form (see Enclosure 2)	1 Original copy of signed NFOT Consent Form (see Enclosure 4)

6. Learners and teachers may secure the required medical certificate from the Schools Division Office (SDO) Medical Officer.

7. All personal and sensitive personal information collected shall be processed strictly in accordance with RA 10173, otherwise known as the “Data Privacy Act of 2012”, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and applicable National Privacy Commission issuances. All attendees of the 2026 NFOT are required to sign a consent form, as the event will involve documentation through photographs and video recordings (see attached Enclosure 3.)

8. A learner – participant and or teacher – coach may be replaced if unable to attend the actual event for a valid reason (e.g. illness or medical emergency, family emergency, conflict with an official school/ DepEd activity, natural disasters or force majeure events affecting travel or safety, security or safety concerns, official school reassignment or designation, etc.), provided that the SDO, through the Division Focal Person, shall submit a Certification of Replacement (see Enclosure 6), stating the reason for the replacement and the name of the substitute(s) duly signed by the Schools Division Superintendent.

9. All participating teacher-coaches shall be entitled with 7.5 days of service credits in accordance with DO 13, s. 2024, titled “*Revised Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers*”.

10. The attendance of School Heads, Education Program Supervisors, and Chiefs of the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), Assistant Schools Division Superintendents, Schools Division Superintendents and other school / division personnel, who wish to attend the 2026 NFOT will be regarded as Official Business. However, the aforementioned personnel shall make their own arrangements for the travel, meals, board and lodging for the duration of the event.

11. Meals, travel and other incidental expenses of the learner-participants and teacher- coaches shall be charged against the downloaded fund (NBC No. 599, Direct Release), while the travel and other related expenses of other participants shall be charged against school’s Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) / local fund source/ other sources, subject to government accounting and auditing rules procedures. Should the transportation and other related expenses of participants exceed the downloaded funds for their division, the remaining expenses shall be charged against any available local and other funds.

12. For queries or concerns, contact the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) through Bernabe L. Linog, Chief - CLMD or Celsa M. Cataluña, EPS - CLMD via clmd_caraga@deped.gov.ph

13. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.

MARIA INES C. ASUNCION

Director IV
Regional Director

Encl.: As stated

Reference: DepEd Memorandum (No. 019 s. 2026)

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

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CONTESTS LEARNING AREAS

CLMD/cmc
03/17/2026

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

List of Official Participants

No.	Name	Position/ Designation	School/Division	Event
1	Ma. Ines C. Asuncion	Regional Director	Office of the Regional Director	N/A
2	Pedro T. Escobarte	Assistant Regional Director	Office of the Assistant Regional Director	N/A
3	Bernabe L. Linog	Chief ES	CLMD	N/A
4	Celsa M. Cataluña	Education Program Supervisor	CLMD	RO, Focal Person
5	Rhea J. Yparraguirre	Education Program Supervisor	CLMD	RO, Focal Person
6	Maria Consuelo C. Jamera	Education Program Supervisor	CLMD	RO, Focal Person
7	Maria Ruth R. Edradan	Education Program Supervisor	CLMD	RO, Focal Person
8	Leowenmar A. Corvera	Education Program Supervisor	CLMD	RO, Focal Person
9	Elizabeth M. Ysulan	Education Program Supervisor	CLMD	RO, Alternate Focal Person
10	Selma S. Tibon	Education Program Supervisor	CLMD	RO, Focal Person
11	Maripaz F. Magno	Education Program Supervisor	CLMD	RO, Alternate Focal Person
12	Elena N. Capangpangan	Education Program Supervisor	CLMD	RO, Focal Person
13	Ma. Theresa M. Golosino	Librarian II	CLMD	RO, Alternate Focal Person
14	Giro Paolo Almendrales	PDO II	ESSD	Regional LRPO Focal Person
15	Ellen Grace Evangelio	Nurse	Agusan del Sur	Medical Personnel
16	Jeshmond B. Sombrio	Nurse	Bayugan City	Medical Personnel
17	Grace A. Ando	Education Program Supervisor	CID- Agusan del Norte	SDO, Focal Person
18	Antony T. Bangao	Education Program Supervisor	CID- Surigao City	SDO, Focal Person
19	Benny T. Abala	Education Program Supervisor	CID – Tandag City	SDO, Focal Person
20	Marino L. Pamugas	Education Program Supervisor	CID – Surigao City	SDO, Focal Person
21	Lilibeth S. Apat	Education Program Supervisor	CID- Agusan del Norte	SDO, Focal Person

22	Corazon F. Adrales	Education Program Supervisor	CID-Bayugan City	SDO, Focal Person
23	Danny Baldos	Education Program Supervisor	CID – Agusan del Sur	SDO, Focal Person
24	Annaliza Doloricon	Education Program Supervisor	CID – Surigao del Sur	SDO, Focal Person
25	Antonina A. Prisco	Education Program Supervisor	CID – Agusan del Norte	SDO, Focal Person
26	Jonathan Ambel	Education Program Supervisor	CID – Surigao del Sur	SDO, Focal Person
27	Izzy B. Zerrudo	Contestant	St. Michael's College of Caraga Agusan del Norte	Advocacy Pitch
28	Jolie Angele T. Rombide	Contestant		
29	Regine Lee Gavero	Coach		
30	Jenerose B. Lipao	Coach		
31	Farhanie O. Naga	Contestant	Surigao City	Arabic Language Spelling (Imlah)
32	Juhary O. Adap	Coach		
33	Soad Gomambao	Contestant	Bayugan National Comprehensive HS Bayugan City	BakeCares
34	Princess Lian Dagdag	Contestant		
35	Sandy Gloria M. Ciencia	Coach		
36	Riden M. Amerin III	Contestant	Trento NHS	BakeCares
37	Riden M. Amerin III	Coach	Agusan del Sur	BakeCares
38	Vince Andrew R. Estrada	Contestant	Tabon M. Estrella NHS, Bislig City	Cabin Craft
39	Jeffrey J. Bertulfo	Coach		
40	Vynz Elijah E. Orilla	Contestant	Agusan del Sur National High School Agusan del Sur Tagbina National High School Surigao del Sur	CineMunti
41	Ma. Aerleonor F. Bayano	Contestant		
42	Kevin Jann B. Miolata	Contestant		
43	Ylla Kryska Z. Nacorda	Contestant		
44	Alexis Alber C. Arroyo	Contestant		
45	Princess Jane D. Villarin	Contestant		
46	Giovanna P. Lapay	Coach		
47	Edsel P. Fernandez	Coach		
48	Julie Mae Lourhen A. Laroya	Coach		
49	Princess J. Gonzales	Contestant	Bayugan NCHS Bayugan City	DokyuWento
50	Frank Jaylord S. Arquiza	Contestant	Carpenito Integrated School Surigao del Sur	
51	Andrea L. Linao	Contestant	Pedro Duncano NHS Butuan City	
52	Flora Liza B. Lingatong	Coach	Bayugan NCHS Bayugan City	Harf Touch
53	Zzakkeah Jade R. Abdulkadil	Contestant	Lipata Elem. School Surigao City	
54	Sittie Aina S. Pandapatan	Coach	Agusan del Sur National High School	
55	Treasha S. Undar	Contestant		
56	Jellann Chris E. Pancho	Contestant		
57	Adison Jairuzx D. Oso	Contestant		

58	Zaffira Elaiah C. Baraquia	Contestant	Trento National High School Agusan del Sur	Likhawitan
59	Delcy Grace M. De La Calzada	Coach		
60	Rowena S. Civico	Coach		
61	Clouie Noelle Q. Barrientos	Contestant	Barobo CES Surigao del Sur	Literary Cup
62	Carl Francis V. Pamaypay	Contestant	Agusan del Sur NHS Agusan del Sur	
63	Marriam Dushien Housien Rigor	Contestant	Cabrera-Altres NHS Surigao City	
64	Rizza C. Saligumba	Coach	Barobo CES Surigao del Sur	
65	Maria Jeana A. Mercado	Coach	Agusan del Sur NHS Agusan del Sur	
66	Geno C. Samson	Coach	Cabrera-Altres NHS Surigao City	
67	Quennie R. Bongato	Contestant	Libertad National High School Butuan City	PinaSayaw
68	Clint Laurence D. Buque	Contestant		
69	Nathaniel James Z. Guirit	Contestant		
70	Miranda, Reese Samantha	Contestant		
71	Carla N. Buque	Contestant		
72	Mary Angeline H. Butao	Contestant		
73	Chrystian B. Curato	Contestant		
74	Khanna L. Custan	Contestant		
75	Bnrent Kenjie G. Ignacio	Contestant		
76	Kent Justin P. Salon	Contestant		
77	Nataniel Rjein Tigon	Contestant		
78	Jhondy T. Canones	Contestant		
79	Justine R. Jandayan	Contestant		
80	Ashley P. Selgas	Contestant		
81	Gerardo T. Hechanova III	Coach		
82	Lyka G. Medado	Contestant	Jacinto P. Elpa National High School Tandag City	Pop Quiz
83	Ma. Gellie Rose E. Toroba	Coach		
84	Mohairah A. Saripada	Contestant	Surigao City CES	Qur'an Reading
85	Andabansa S. Omar	Coach	Surigao City	
86	Nikki Shane B. Moral	Contestant	Abilan Integrated School, Agusan del Norte	Savor D' Flavor
87	Allynna Mae C. Dumadag	Contestant	Tubod National High School, Surigao del Norte	
88	Jassie J. Betancor	Contestant	Buenavista SPED Elem. School, Agsuan del Norte	
89	Niezl M. Legaspi	Coach	Abilan Integrated School, Agusan del Norte	
90	Mary Carl F. Menil	Coach	Tubod National High School, Surigao del Norte	
91	Jackielyn M. Delfin	Coach	Buenavista SPED	

			Elem. School, Agusan del Norte	
92	Danica Hisanza	Contestant	Cabadbaran South Central Elem. School Cabadbaran City	Silent Stories
93	Joey A. Minguito	Coach		
94	Izzy Gonzalez Salo	Contestant	Buenavista Special Education Elementary School	STEMazing (Elem.)
95	Maria Lhean May Castro Gavero	Contestant		
96	Rolando G. Bolastig Jr.	Coach	Agusan del Norte	
97	Khim E. Caraca	Contestant	Caraga Regional Science High School Surigao City	STEMazing (Sec.)
98	Jams E. Baptisma	Contestant		
99	Rovillio P. Pecante	Coach		
100	Rinoa F. Paceño	Contestant	St. Michael College of Caraga and Poblacion 2 Elem. School, Agusan del Norte	Techno Fusion
101	Jovel M. Layuga Jr.	Contestant		
102	Eva I. Edillo	Coach		
103	John Aldrin Meho	Contestant	Jagupit National High School Agusan del Norte	Table Construction (as part of Techno Fusion)
104	Klient A. Teñoso	Contestant		
105	Nadimir P. Olmiguez	Coach		

(Enclosure No. 2 to Regional Memorandum No. _____, s. 2026)

Parent/ Guardian's Consent



CONSENT FORM FOR LEARNER'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 NFOT



I. Learner-Participant's Information

- A. Name of Learner-Participant: _____
B. Grade Level: _____
C. School: _____
D. Division: _____
E. Region: _____
F. NFOT Contest to participate in: _____

II. Parent/Guardian's Consent

I, the undersigned, as the parent/guardian of the above-named learner, hereby give my consent for my child to participate in the 2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT). I understand that this event involves activities that may require travel, and I acknowledge that I have been informed of the details, including the schedule, billeting and contest venues, and any risks associated with the event.

I agree to allow my child's device to be inspected and stored by the Technical Committee as part of the contest protocol, with the understanding that the device will be returned to my child during the contest proper.

I understand that the event will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines and protocols set by the Department of Education (DepEd), and I agree to the terms and conditions set for participation.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Relationship to Learner: _____
Contact Number: _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____
Date: _____

Noted by:

Teacher-Coach
Signature Over Printed Name

Class Adviser
Signature Over Printed Name

Approved:

School Head/Principal
Signature Over Printed Name

(Enclosure No. 3 to Regional Memorandum No. _____, s. 2026)

Content, Waiver, Indemnity, and Released

I, _____, M/F, _____ years of age, hereby grant permission to the **Department of Education (DepEd)** and its representative s to make recordings of my voice and to take photographs and/ or videos in which I appear in, to be used for the communications and various public campaigns of the Agency be it in print, broadcast, and/ or electronic media, at the event and location stated below:

Location: _____

I acknowledge that the DepEd owns all rights to these images and recordings. I further grant the DepEd and its representatives the right to use, display, exhibit, reproduce, distribute and create derivative works of these images and recordings in any media now known or later developed.

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the use of the images or recordings or of any written derivatives. I further waive all moral rights. I also waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the materials.

I hereby release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the DepEd and its representatives from and against any claims, damages, or liability arising from or related to the use of the images and recordings, or materials, including but not limited to claims of defamation, invasion of privacy, or rights of publicity or copyright infringement, or any misuse, distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion or use in composite form that may occur during taking, processing, reduction or production of the finished product, its publication or distribution.

I am 18 years of age or older/ I am accompanied by my legal guardian, and I am competent to enter into this contract/ **NAME OF GUARDIAN:** _____ has legal authority to enter into this contract. I have read this document before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this consent, waiver, indemnity and release.

This content, waiver, indemnity and release is binding on me, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

Signature

____/____/____
mm dd yyyy

Signature over Printed Name of Parent/ Guardian/Teacher

____/____/____
mm dd yyyy

Address

Home Phone Number _____ Mobile Phone _____

(Enclosure No. 4 to Regional Memorandum No. _____, s. 2026)

Consent Form for the Teaching and Non – Teaching Personnel

	CONSENT FORM FOR TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 NFOT	
I. Personal Information		
A. Name: _____		
B. Position: _____		
C. School/Office: _____		
D. Division: _____		
E. Region: _____		
II. Consent		
I, the undersigned, hereby give my consent to participate in the 2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT). I understand that this event involves activities that may require travel, and I acknowledge that I have been informed of the details, including the schedule, billeting and contest venues, and any risks associated with the event.		
I voluntarily consent to the collection, use, processing, storage, and disclosure of my personal data for lawful and declared purposes, in accordance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (Republic Act No. 10173) and its implementing rules, with the understanding that my data will be protected, retained only as necessary or as required by law, and that I may exercise my rights as a data subject, including the right to withdraw consent subject to applicable legal limitations.		
I understand that the event will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines and protocols set by the Department of Education (DepEd), and I agree to the terms and conditions set for participation.		
Personnel		
Signature Over Printed Name		
Noted by:		
Immediate Head		
Signature Over Printed Name		

(Enclosure No. 5 to Regional Memorandum No. _____, s. 2026)

Certification as Official Teacher-Coach



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CERTIFICATION AS OFFICIAL TEACHER-COACH
Date _____

This is to certify that **[Name of Teacher-Coach]**, currently assigned as **[Classroom/Subject/ALS Teacher]** at **[School Name]**, **[Schools Division]**, is the designated teacher-coach of the following learner-participant(s) for the **[Contest Title]** of the 2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT) to be held on **[Contest Schedule]** in Roxas City, Capiz.

List of Learner-Participant(s):

1. [Name of Learner]
2. [Name of Learner]
3. [Name of Learner]

The undersigned further certifies that the teacher-coach has direct supervision over the above-mentioned learner(s) in his/her/their respective classes or learning sessions and is responsible for guiding and preparing him/her/their for participation in the said event.

This certification is issued upon the request of the aforesaid teacher for submission to the National Technical Working Group (NTWG) as part of the official requirements for the 2026 NFOT.

Issued this ____ day of _____, 2026 at _____.

Signature
[Name of Schools Division Superintendent]
Schools Division Superintendent
[Schools Division of _____]
[Region ____]

(Enclosure No. 6 to Regional Memorandum No. _____, s. 2026)

Certification of Replacement

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CERTIFICATION OF REPLACEMENT
(For Learner-Participant and/or Teacher-Coach)
Date _____

This is to certify that **[Name of Original Learner-Participant/Teacher-Coach]** from **[School Name]**, **[Schools Division]**, has been replaced due to **[state valid reason for replacement]** and will not be able to attend the **[Contest Title]** of the 2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT) to be held on **[Contest Schedule]** in Roxas City, Capiz.

The substitute designated to take his/her place is:

Name of Substitute: _____
Role: [Learner-Participant / Teacher-Coach]
School: _____
Division: _____

This is also to certify that this Office acknowledges that the above named substitute is the official replacement and is authorized to participate in the aforesaid contest in lieu of the original learner-participant/teacher-coach.

This certification is issued for submission to the National Technical Working Group (NTWG) in compliance with the guidelines for participation in the aforesaid contest.

Issued this ____ day of _____, 2026 at _____.

Signature
[Name of Regional Director]
[Region ____]