



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

APRIL 8, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 0319, s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

ADDENDUM TO REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 0287 RE: PARTICIPATION OF
DEPED CARAGA LEARNERS IN THE JA PHILIPPINES SUMMER PROGRAM
INITIATIVE: BETTER GROUND

1. In reference to the previously issued Regional Memorandum on the implementation of the *Better Ground* Program, please be informed that the **team registration is extended until April 27, 2026**.
2. Interested teams may register through the link below:
bit.ly/BetterGroundGameDevelopmentCompetition2026
3. Participants are also encouraged to join the official Facebook group for updates and access to program guidelines and materials: <https://bit.ly/4ruiZ5I>
4. Attached is the updated program timeline for your reference.
5. All other provisions, instructions, and details stated in the memorandum remain valid and in full force.
6. For information and dissemination.

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Program Overview

- **Target Audience:** Grade 10 & Grade 11 Senior High School Students (Ages 16-18 years old)
- **Program Duration:** April to September 2026
- **Focus:** Game development, innovation, and career readiness in the creative industry

PROGRAM TIMELINE

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Date	Event
March 12 – April 27, 2026	Team Registration <i>Teams who wish to participate in the competition may register through this link:</i> bit.ly/BetterGroundGameDevelopmentCompetition2026 Note: 3-5 members per team Join our Facebook Group: https://bit.ly/4ruiZ5l
May 4, 2026 Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Platform: Zoom	Orientation for Teachers and Mentors Mentors and advisers will have a briefing on the program mechanics, support role, and award categories that will be forwarded to the interested students. Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81933192155
May 8, 2026 Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Platform: Zoom	Better Ground PLAY for Students This immersive preliminary stage where students are provided with an overall program orientation. Participants will gain insight into the professional standards of the tech industry, learn how to structure development ideas, and understand the nature of modern digital careers. Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86983821958
May 26, 2026	Submission of Game Development Proposal • Submission Bin: https://bit.ly/BetterGroundSubmissions <i>See II. Guidelines for Game Development Proposal</i>



June 5, 2026 Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Platform: Zoom	Better Ground DAY This stage is an intensive development bootcamp where students build the actual mechanics of their games. The selected 10 teams will focus on intensive coding workshops and implementations strategies. Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89534064291
Masterclass 1 - June 19, 2026 Masterclass 2 - June 26, 2026 Masterclass 3 - July 10, 2026 Event Details: TBA	Better Ground UP The vision starts to meet the virtual reality. Participants will be gaining full on mentorship as they design to simulate a real-world development cycle through a working prototype.
July 24, 2026	Submission and Announcement of Local Finals Winner Submission Bin: https://bit.ly/4rqAmEk

