



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

MAY 7, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **0439** , s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs, Curriculum Implementation Divisions
Division Education Program Supervisors in Mathematics
Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads of All GBF Class Builder Partner Schools
GBF Class Builder Lead Teachers (Mathematics)
All Others Concerned

CONDUCT OF THE GBF CLASS BUILDER LEADS LAUNCH PER DIVISION
VIA ONLINE SESSIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026–2027

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) Region XIII – Caraga, in partnership with the Gokongwei Brothers Foundation (GBF), shall conduct the **GBF Class Builder Leads Launch per Division** via online sessions (MS Teams) for School Year 2026–2027. The launch introduces three key developments in the GBF Class Builder Program: (1) transition to a new platform; (2) introduction of a certification component; and (3) establishment of the **GBF Class Builder Leads (CB Leads) Program** to build local champion teachers who will sustain implementation and strengthen teaching practice at the school level.
2. The GBF Class Builder Leads Launch aims to:
 - a. orient designated CB Leads and their School Heads on their roles in sustaining GBF Class Builder implementation;
 - b. facilitate teacher enrollment in the new platform; and
 - c. align all divisions on the requirements and schedules for SY 2026–2027.
3. Enclosed as reference are the letter of the Gokongwei Brothers Foundation dated May 4, 2026, and the SDO-specific launching schedule.
4. Each GBF Class Builder partner school shall designate **one to three CB Leads**, one representing each Key Stage (1–3), identified through the GBF Class Builder List of Mathematics Teachers. In identifying CB Leads, schools shall be guided by the following characteristics:
 - a. current Mathematics teacher
 - b. digitally adept
 - c. recognized teacher leader or trusted peer
 - d. preferably an active GBF Class Builder user
5. The GBF Class Builder List of Mathematics Teachers (Grades 1–9) shall serve as the **sole basis** for teacher enrollment in the new platform and must be checked

for accuracy prior to endorsement. All requirements shall be submitted on or before **May 8, 2026**.

6. All designated **GBF Class Builder Lead Teachers** and their respective **School Heads** from all GBF Class Builder partner schools in the region are required to attend the division-level online launch in accordance with the attached schedule.
7. For clarifications and other concerns, please contact:
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8. For immediate and wide dissemination to all concerned.

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Dear Dr. Asuncion,

Good day! The **Gokongwei Brothers Foundation**, through the **GBF Class Builder**, warmly appreciates our continued partnership in strengthening teaching and improving learning outcomes across the region. We are grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you again for School Year 2026–2027.

This year, we are excited to deepen our partnership by further strengthening support for teachers at the school level through **key developments in the GBF Class Builder Program**: (1) transitioning to a **new platform**, (2) introducing a **certification** component, and (3) launching the **GBF Class Builder Leads Program (CB Leads)**.

The third key development is designed to **build local champion teachers** who can more consistently support their peers within their own schools. With dedicated **CB Leads in every school**, we aim to sustain strong implementation, strengthen teacher practice, and improve learner outcomes in a more grounded and scalable way.

In line with this, we will be holding a **GBF Class Builder Leads Launch per division** through **online sessions**, where we warmly invite the selected **CB Leads and their school heads** to take part in this convening as they step into this role in strengthening CB school communities. Attached to this letter is the proposed schedule per Schools Division Office (SDO).

To ensure success of these events, may we request the following:

1. RMA School and Teacher Data

- for alignment of all data points (in reference to our recent meeting)

2. GBF Class Builder List of Mathematics Teachers (Grades 1-9)

- **only basis** for teacher enrollment in the new platform
- must be checked for **accuracy before endorsement** and enrollment

3. Designation of GBF Class Builder Leads

- must be identified through the List of Mathematics Teachers
- every school must have **one to three teacher leads**, one representing each Key Stage (1–3)

To guide the identification of CB Leads in every school, we respectfully suggest the following characteristics:

- current Mathematics teacher
- digitally adept
- recognized teacher leader or trusted peer
- preferably an active GBF Class Builder user

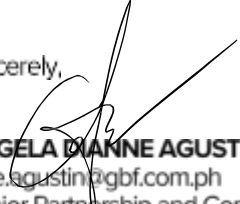
These characteristics are intended to help ensure that CB Leads are well-positioned to facilitate the meaningful and sustained use of GBF Class Builder in classroom practice across their schools.

4. Schedule Coordination

- review the attached SDO-specific schedule
- ensure attendance of all participating schools, and designated CB Leads

We hope to receive the above requirements on or before **May 8, 2026**, in time for our launch this coming school year. We appreciate your continued support on these requests. Thank you for your continued partnership in building the future through education.

Sincerely,



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GBF Class Builder Leads Launching Schedule

The launching will be held via MS Teams. Our Math EPS will share the online meeting details ahead of time.

SDO	DATE OF LAUNCHING	TIME
Bislig City	May 11, 2026	10AM
Agusan del Norte	May 11, 2026	2PM
Cabadbaran	May 13, 2026	2PM
Tandag City	May 13, 2026	2PM
Surigao City	May 14, 2026	2PM
Agusan del Sur	May 18, 2026	10AM
Surigao del Sur	May 18, 2026	2PM
Bayugan City	May 20, 2026	10AM
Dinagat Islands	May 25, 2026	2PM
Siargao	May 25, 2026	2PM
Surigao del Norte	June 3, 2026	2PM
Butuan City	June 4, 2026	10AM