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Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: Regional Engineers
Schools Division Superintendents
Schools Division Engineers
All Others Concerned

CONDUCT VALIDATION AND COSTING OF THE PROPOSED CENTRAL/SCHOOL
KITCHEN SITES AND WATERLESS SCHOOLS

1. In reference to CO-BLSS1-2026-05-2836 dated May 11, 2026, issued by the Bureau of Learner Support Services (BLSS), all Regional and Schools Divisions Engineers are directed to **Conduct Validation and Costing of the Proposed Central/School Kitchen Sites and Waterless Schools**. The validated results shall be forwarded to the SBFP and WinS Focal Persons who shall submit **on or before June 30, 2026**, through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ValidatedListForCkandMKSites>.

2. This initiative aims to evaluate the proposed sites for Central and School Kitchens and to assess the specific needs of schools identified as "waterless" within the divisions of Caraga Region. This assessment is essential to fulfill the mandates of the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) and the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WinS) Program, ensuring that learners have consistent access to fortified meals and clean, potable water.

3. The conduct of validation shall cover the following:

- a. **Central/School Kitchen Sites.** In coordination with the SBFP Focal Persons, validate the proposed sites for Central/School Kitchen to determine their eligibility for new construction or refurbishment. The validation shall include the preparation of cost estimates for each selected site and the assessment of site accessibility, availability of utilities, and presence of potable water source. The said validation is in reference to the memorandum titled *Request for technical assistance in the drafting of prototype design, layout, technical specifications and costing parameters of the SBFP, Central and School Kitchens and WinS Program's Group Handwashing Facilities* routed on February 2, 2026
- b. **Waterless Schools.** In coordination with the WinS Program Focal Persons, validate and provide costing parameters for schools identified as waterless within the SDOs. The validation shall determine whether:
 - the whole community is waterless, therefore requiring the construction of manual or electric pumps;
 - the community has existing pipelines/water tanks/water system as their water source, and the school only requires connection to these sources;



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- other conditions exist, such as water salinity or quality issues, rendering the available water unfit for human consumption. This is in reference to the Memorandum titled *Endorsement of the List of Schools with No Water Supply (Waterless Schools) and Priority Schools for the Establishment of Group Handwashing Facilities for Validation* routed on March 2, 2026.

4. For inquiries, please contact the following **Technical Assistant II** of the Education Support Service Division: **Mr. Charlestone A. Otaza** at charlestone.otaza@deped.gov.ph/09369535603 and **Ms. Melody Lou B. Villaplaza** at melodylou.villaplaza@gmail.com/09705364602

5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum to all concerned is desired.

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Director IV
Regional Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO : ENGR. MICHAEL OLIVER M. DE GUZMAN
Director III, Education Facilities Division

FROM : DR. MIGUEL ANGELO S. MANTARING
Director IV
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SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR AND ENDORSEMENT TO THE REGIONAL AND SCHOOLS DIVISION ENGINEERS TO CONDUCT VALIDATION AND COSTING OF THE PROPOSED CENTRAL/SCHOOL KITCHEN SITES AND WATERLESS SCHOOLS

DATE : May 11, 2026

The Bureau of Learner Support Services–School Health Division–Nutrition and Hygiene Unit (BLSS-SHD-NHU) is mandated to provide policy direction, oversight, and coordination in the implementation of the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in Schools (WinS) Program. The SBFP ensures the provision of fortified meals and milk to all Kindergarten learners and those identified as Severely Wasted (SW) and Wasted (W) from Grades 1 to 6 while the WinS Program aims to ensure proper sanitation and hygiene among learners and water is regularly available at the schools as source of drinking and cleaning purposes.

May we request your Office to provide selection criteria and parameters and issue a Memorandum to the Regional and Schools Division Engineers to conduct the following:

1. In coordination with the SBFP Focal Persons, validate the proposed sites for Central/School Kitchen if they said sites are eligible for new construction or refurbishment as well as provide costing for each selected site. Check also if the proposed sites' location accessibility, utilities and presence of potable water source. The said validation is in reference to the memoranda titled **"Request for technical assistance in the drafting of prototype design, layout, technical specifications and costing parameters of the SBFP, Central and School Kitchens and WinS Program's Group Handwashing Facilities"** routed on February 2, 2026;
2. In coordination with the WinS Program Focal Persons, validate and provide costing parameters for the identified schools in their SDOs listed as waterless and determine whether (a) the whole community is waterless therefore requiring the construction of manual or electric pumps, or (b) the community has an existing pipe lines/water tanks/water system as their water source, the school only needs connection from the aforementioned water source or (c) other reasons such as

connection from the aforementioned water source or (c) other reasons such as saltiness of water making it unfit for human consumption. This is in reference to the Memorandum titled **"Endorsement of the List of Schools with No Water Supply (Waterless Schools) and Priority Schools for the Establishment of Group Handwashing Facilities for Validation"** routed to your office on March 2, 2026.

The result of the said validation shall be forwarded to the SBFP and WinS Focal Persons who shall in turn submit through this link <https://tinyurl.com/ValidatedListForCkandMKSites> on or before June 30, 2026.

For further details, Ms. Magdalene Portia T. Cariaga, Supervising Health Program Officer, Mr. Vonerich B. Berba, Education Program Specialist II, Ms. Gail Hariette C. dela Rosa or Mr. Dranoel Cyrus C. Baguio, Technical Assistants II may be reached at (+632)8863-9935 or email at sbfp@deped.gov.ph.

For consideration. Thank you.



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