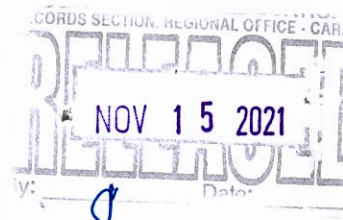




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION



November 15, 2021

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 904, s. 2021

To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
This Region

CARAGA PARTICIPATION TO PRE-SUMMIT CONFERENCE
WITH CHILDREN AND THIRD NATIONAL SUMMIT ON
THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD IN EDUCATION

1. In line with the celebration of the National Children's Month in the country, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Child Rights in Education Desk (CREDe) under the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs (OULA), will conduct the **"Pre-Summit Conference with Children and Learners"** on November 19, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to prepare for the **"Third National Summit on the Rights of the Child in Education"** on November 25-26, 2021.
2. The activity aims to reinforce the continuing commitment of DepEd and other stakeholders in upholding children's rights in education in normal times and during the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Participants to represent the activity are listed below.

Name	Division
1. John Lloyd B. Malaki	Agusan del Norte
2. Khristine Joy M. Gumimba	Agusan del Sur
3. Jino R. Acebes	Bayugan
4. Shaira Mae B. Libago	Bislig
5. Glendon Jones P. Zabala	Butuan
6. Mely Jane Catarig	Cabadbaran
7. Shine Balderas	Surigao City
8. Joven P. Libora	Surigao del Norte
9. Neña Shanley H. Nuera	Surigao del Sur
10. John Vincent D. Osmena	Tandag
11. Julieta P. Erazo	Surigao del Norte

4. A focal person represented by Ms. Juliet P. Erazo of Surigao del Norte Division is requested to assist in the registration of the identified learners and serve as their guardian during the online event. The focal person will register and participate in the Summit and ensure that each ALS learner - participant will be duly registered as well. As guardian, the focal person will address concerns of these children, in coordination with the Alternative Learning Task Force (ALS TF), Office of the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs (OULA) and the Child Rights in Education Desk (CREDe). It is further requested that the focal person will orient and guide our learners in preparation of the Pre-Summit Conference with Children.



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5. Division EPSA are requested to coordinate the identified Alternative Learning System (ALS) Junior High School (JHS) learners with gadgets and internet connection, facilitate with the prior consent of their parents, guardians, and teachers to be attached during the registration in the link provided by the (CREDe).
6. Meeting link shall be forwarded upon registration.
7. Attached is the Memorandum DM-LA-2021-0298 for your perusal.
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

For: cmniged
MA. GEMMA MERCADO LEDESMA
Regional Director *Jubert*

Encls.: NONE

Reference: Memorandum DM-LA-2021-0298

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

ALS	CHILDREN'S RIGHTS	EDUCATION
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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM
DM-LA- 2021-0298

TO: **G.H. S. AMBAT**
Assistant Secretary for Alternative Learning System (ALS) Program
and Task Force

ATTENTION: **MARILETTE R. ALMAYDA**
Director III
Alternative Learning System (ALS) Program Task Force

FROM: **ATTY. JOSEPHINE G. MARIBOJOC**
Undersecretary for Legal Affairs

SUBJECT: Request for Assistance for the Pre-Summit Conference with Children
and Third National Summit on the Rights of the Child in Education

DATE: November 8, 2021

This has reference to the conduct by this Department, through the Child Rights in Education Desk (CREDe) under the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs (OULA), of the **Third National Summit on the Rights of the Child in Education on November 25-26, 2021** and the **Pre-Summit Conference with Children and Learners on November 19, 2021** to prepare for the Summit.

With this year's theme, "*Batang May K: Karapatan ng Bata sa Edukasyon, Katuwang ang Labat sa Pagsulong!*", the Third National Summit aims to reinforce the continuing commitment of DepEd and other stakeholders in upholding children's rights in education in normal times and during the COVID-19 pandemic. It aims to build on the gains of the Second National Summit on the Rights of the Child in Education held last November 2020, and to introduce the rights-based education (RBE) framework of DepEd and the newly created Child Rights in Education Desk (CREDe). The Third National Summit seeks to facilitate discussions and elicit recommendations on upholding RBE in normal times and during the COVID-19 pandemic through a whole-of-school, whole-of-DepEd, whole-of-government, and whole-of-society approach. It is also a venue to

ensure the participation of children in shaping policies and actions pertaining to RBE in normal times and during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Third Summit is the culminating event of DepEd for the 2021 National Children's Month this November.

The Third Summit this year will again be conducted virtually within the Zoom platform with different officials and personnel from the DepEd national and local offices as well public schools, and representatives from private schools, national government agencies, LGUs, civil society, international organizations, the business community, and the media. More importantly, learners themselves and their parents, guardians, and caregivers will also participate. We will also stream the Third Summit live to thousands of viewers at the DepEd Philippines and Facebook Page.

A rights-based education involves the rights-holders in the assessment, decision-making and implementation of policies and programs affecting their rights.¹ One of the mechanisms for the children and learners to claim their rights is the conduct of a consultative process that will enable them to exercise their right to participation and to share their experiences and insights as part of the development process and implementation of an education system.²

In line with this, we will conduct a Pre-Summit Conference with Children on **November 19, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to prepare them for the Summit and educate them on the rights-based education (RBE) framework of DepEd as well as their right to participation in their education. We will also elicit the views and insights of learner participants on the design of the Third Summit that will be held the following week. To achieve inclusivity in the conduct of the Pre-Summit Conference with Children and Learners, the participation of a diversity of learners from different parts of the country would make the activities more meaningful and a true embodiment of the right to participation of children. The outputs from the Pre-Summit Conference will be used in revisiting the Summit design and will also be reported during the Summit proper.

In this regard, we would like to request your Office to assist us in identifying, inviting, and coordinating with **50 ALS learners with gadgets and internet connection to participate in the Pre-Summit Conference with Children and Learners on November 19, 2021 and in the Summit itself on November 25-26, 2021.** It is requested that the ALS learners be within the ages of 13 to 18 years old, and with different backgrounds in terms of their locations in urban and rural settings, and other factors such as working/employed learners, in order to have a variety of inputs from the ALS learners. The identified ALS learners will not only represent themselves but also their fellow ALS learners. We highly encourage the ALS learners to also bring in the inputs of their fellow learners into the Summit for a more inclusive and dynamic discussion. We also request your Office to **appoint five (5) focal persons** to assist in the registration of the identified ALS learners and who will also serve as their guardians during the online event. The focal persons shall also register and participate in the Summit and ensure that each ALS learner participant shall be duly registered. As guardians, the focal persons shall address concerns of these ALS learners, in coordination with this Office and the organizing team.

Accordingly, this Office requests the addressee office, through your coordinators and the focal persons, to **submit the names of the identified ALS learners** with the prior consent of their parents, guardians, and teachers **on or before November 12, 2021** through Mr. Paulo Anthony J. Mendoza of CREDe via email at paulo.mendoza001@deped.gov.ph (cc: childrights@deped.gov.ph and oula@deped.gov.ph). Upon submission of the names of the ALS learners, a registration link will be sent wherein they will be requested to register and attach the

¹ UNICEF's A Human Rights-Based Approach to Education for All: A Framework for the Realization of Children's Right to Education and Rights Within Education. 2007, page 16.

² Ibid, page 42.

consent of the learners' parents or guardians. The link to the online meeting for the Pre-Summit Conference with Children and Learners and for the Summit shall be forwarded upon registration. It is further requested that the focal persons orient and guide our learners in preparation of the Pre-Summit Conference with Children. The names of the requested five (5) focal persons are requested also to be submitted to us on or before November 12, 2021 for the necessary registration process.

A copy of the Tentative Summit Program is attached herewith for your reference. Further details about the Summit will subsequently be provided once finalized. For queries and concerns, please contact Mr. Paulo Anthony J. Mendoza of CREDe via email at paulo.mendoza001@deped.gov.ph (cc: childrights@deped.gov.ph and oula@deped.gov.ph).

Thank you for your continued commitment and support to children's rights in education.