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November 9, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 572, s. 2026

DISSEMINATION OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE REGIONAL CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MONTH 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief ES -SGOD & CID
OIC-Public Schools District Supervisors
Secondary Lead Principal
All Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
SELG & SSLG Teacher-Adviser
SELG & SSLG Presidents
All Others Concerned

1. Please be informed of Regional Memorandum No. 1476, s. 2026, entitled *"Guidelines on the Regional Celebration of National Children's Month 2026."* This year's sub-theme, as proposed by the Bureau of Learner Support Services – Learner Rights and Protection Division (BLSS-LRPD), is *"Adhika: Alamin at Damhin ang Kalagayan, Higit na Magmalasakit, Kumilos para Kabutihan."*

2. In this regard, all public elementary and secondary schools are encouraged to conduct school-level activities in support of the 34th National Children's Month (NCM) Celebration, anchored on the proposed theme. All school-level activity reports, through the Supreme Elementary Learner Government (SELG) and Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG), shall be submitted through the following link: https://tinyurl.com/NCM2026SchoolAR.

3. Likewise, as part of the celebration, a series of **National Competitions** will be conducted, namely: **the *Infomercial Competition, Digital Poster-Making Competition,* and *Innovative Program Proposal on Existing School Initiatives to Address Bullying and Violence in Schools***. The guidelines for participation in these competitions are provided in the attached Regional Memorandum.

4. Campaign materials and other collaterals for the 2026 NCM Celebration may be accessed and downloaded through the following link: https://tinyurl.com/NCMCollats2026.

5. Furthermore, the Regional Office will conduct the **2026 Regional Celebration of the 34th National Children's Month** on November 27–28, 2026, at Sorsogon National High School, Sorsogon City. The Division shall be represented by the following participants:

- **Shara Lyn R. Vargas**, PDO-I, SGOD-SDO Iriga City, and Division Learner Rights and Protection Focal Person;
- **Marionne Jheshia A. Laniog**, President, Division Federated Supreme Secondary Learner Government, Zeferino Arroyo High School.

7. Travel expenses relative to their participation in this activity shall be charged against the Learner Support Fund, School Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), or any other available funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

8. All other provisions and instructions relative to the conduct of the 34th National Children's Month Celebration are stipulated in the attached Regional Memorandum.

9. For the information and compliance of all concerned.

MARIA-MAGNOLIA F. BRIOSO, CESO VI
OIC-Schools Division Superintendent

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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GUIDELINES ON THE REGIONAL CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MONTH 2026

To : Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Other Concerned

1. In reference to Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-11-4030, signed by Undersecretary for Governance and Operations Malcolm S. Garma, on the Guidelines on the National and Regional Implementation of the 34th National Children's Month, the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) has adopted the theme, "Manindigan! Tumugon at Kumalinga: Sa Batang Handa, Ligtas ang Bansa." Consistent with the Department's mandate to uphold every learner's right, safety, and well-being, the Bureau of Learner Support Services–Learner Rights and Protection Division (BLSS-LRPD) proposes the sub-theme, **"Adhika: Alamin at Damhin ang Kalagayan, Higit na Magmalasakit, Kumilos para sa Kabutihan."** This sub-theme seeks to deepen understanding of children's rights and corresponding responsibilities, strengthen meaningful child participation, and promote safe, inclusive, and nurturing learning environments.

2. The Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and schools are enjoined to lead and actively participate in the celebration of the 34th National Children's Month (NCM) this November 2026. They are encouraged to facilitate classroom-based discussions on bullying prevention and may integrate the suggested activities and advocacy materials developed by the CWC, which may be accessed through https://tinyurl.com/26ncmcollaterals1. All activities shall be conducted subject to the availability of funds and other resources, and in accordance with DepEd policies, particularly the policy on the non-disruption of classes.

3. As part of the 2026 NCM celebration, a National Competition for learners shall be conducted to promote awareness of children's rights and responsibilities and encourage learner participation through creative and innovative initiatives. The competition categories are as follows:

a. **Infomercial Competition.** Participants shall produce a three-minute infomercial video promoting learners' rights and their corresponding responsibilities in creating a safe, inclusive, and positive learning environment.

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b. **Digital Poster-Making Competition.** Participants shall create an original digital poster promoting learners' rights and corresponding responsibilities, emphasizing bullying prevention and the importance of fostering a safe, inclusive, and positive learning environment.

c. **Innovative Program Proposal on Existing School Initiatives to Address Bullying and Violence in Schools.** Participants shall develop an innovative program proposal that builds on existing school initiatives to strengthen bullying and violence prevention and promote learner safety and protection.

4. The competitions are open to all learners and aim to showcase their creativity, talents, and digital competencies while strengthening awareness of children's rights, corresponding responsibilities, and the importance of maintaining a safe and child-friendly learning environment. The complete mechanics, judging criteria, and submission links are provided in **Annex A.**

5. To ensure proper documentation and monitoring of the implementation of the 2026 NCM celebration, all SDOs are reminded to consolidate and upload videos, photographs, and activity reports from school-level celebrations through the designated submission link: https://bit.ly/R5_NCM2026.

6. For ease of access and reference, campaign materials and collaterals for the 2026 NCM celebration, including banner and tarpaulin designs, social media cover photo templates, and shirt designs, may be accessed and downloaded through https://tinyurl.com/NCMCollats2026.

7. In line with this, the Education Support Services Division (ESSD) shall conduct the **2026 Regional Celebration of the 34th National Children's Month** on **November 27–28, 2026**, at **Sorsogon National High School, Sorsogon City**. The activity aims to promote children's rights, strengthen learner participation, and advocate for safe, inclusive, and child-friendly learning environments. The participants shall be as follows:

NO.	POSITION	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
1.	Regional Federated Supreme Secondary Learner Government Officers (RFSSLG)	13
2.	Division Learner Rights and Protection or Division Youth Formation Coordinator *(who shall also serve as Chaperones of RFSSLG Officers)*	13
3.	RO 5 Personnel and PMT *(Division and School)*	14
4.	Selected Sorsogon National High School Student Leader	40
	Total	80

8. Since the activity will be conducted on a Saturday, Compensatory Time Off (CTO) shall be granted to participating non-teaching personnel in accordance with Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular No. 1, s. 2015, subject to applicable rules and regulations. Overtime

pay may be granted to Contract of Service (COS) personnel, subject to the terms of their contracts and the availability of funds.

9. Travel and other incidental expenses of the participant shall be charged to Regional LRP Fund/ Division or School MOOE / Local Funds or any available funds subject to the usual accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

GILBERT T. SADSAD
Regional Director

ESSD-SPPS-LRP/srnso
10/29/26

Annex A

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MONTH COMPETITION FOR LEARNERS

This year National Children's Month (NCM) celebrates learners' creativity, talents, and digital competencies while raising awareness of learners' rights and their corresponding responsibilities.

The competition categories highlight learners' rights to express themselves and to participate meaningfully through art and multimedia production. These platforms will encourage learners to become advocates for a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment, aligning it with this year's sub-theme: "Adhika: Alamin at Damhin ang Kalagayan, Higit na Magmalasakit, Kumilos para sa Kabutihan".

The proposed competitions are open to all learners nationwide. The Regional Offices are requested to submit one (1) representative per category to represent their respective region. Details are as follows:

A. GENERAL RULES FOR THE CONTEST

1. The contest is open to all officially enrolled learners from participating public and private schools
2. Each participant may compete in only one (1) category.
3. All entries must be original works created solely by the participant/s and must not have received awards or recognition in any previous competition.
4. Participants must strictly comply with the specific mechanics, requirements and submission deadlines of their chosen category.
5. Failure to comply with any contest rules or requirements may result in disqualification.
6. The decisions of the Board of Judges and the Organizing Committee shall be final and irrevocable.

B. CATEGORIES

1. INFOMERCIAL COMPETITION

Mechanics:

- Individual or Group Competition (learners may form a group consisting of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members.
- Participants shall produce a 3-minute informercial.
- The video must promote learners' rights and their co-equal responsibilities in creating a safe and positive learning environment.
- The content may be presented in Filipino, English or a combination thereof.
- Entries must have subtitles in Filipino or English and must be in an mp4 format.
- AI-generated content is not permitted. Submissions must be original and/or properly credited materials.

2. **DIGITAL POSTER MAKING COMPETITION**
Mechanics:

- Individual competition for learners
- Participants must create an original digital poster that promotes learners' rights and their corresponding responsibilities or highlights the importance of preventing bullying and fostering a safe, inclusive and positive learning environment.
- Artwork may be produced using any digital art software or platform such as but not limited to Canva, Adobe, and Clip Studio Paint.
- Each entry must include a title and a shirt caption (100-150 words or less)
- Any drawing style is acceptable (e.g., realism, surrealism, pixel art, etc)
- The use of AI-generated art/content, plagiarism or copying of existing works is strictly prohibited.
- Submissions must be original and independently prepared by the learner-participant/s.
- Technical specifications:

Size	A4 (8.27" x 11.69") Resolution: Minimum of 300 DPI
Orientation	Portrait or Landscape
File Format	JPEG or PNG

3. **INNOVATIVE PROGRAM PROPOSAL ON EXISTING SCHOOL INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS BULLYING AND VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS**
Mechanics:

- Individual or Group Competition (learners may form a group consisting of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members.
- The proposal must state the following:

    - Title of the Program
    - The beneficiaries must be the school, especially the learners and educators
    - Feasibility of Proposal
    - Financial Consideration
    - Program Duration
    - Implementation Process
    - Monitoring and Evaluation
        - Indicators of Success
    - Expected Outcome

Outputs must be submitted **on or before November 11, 2026**, via the designated Google Forms. The links per category are shown below:

Infomercial Competition: https://tinyurl.com/NCM-INFORMERCIAL-ENTRY
Digital Poster Competition: https://tinyurl.com/NCM-DIGITALPOSTER-ENTRY
Program Proposal Competition: https://tinyurl.com/NCM-PROGRAMPROPOSAL-ENTRY

Criteria for Judging	
Relevance of Content to the Theme	30%
Creativity, Originality and Integrity of Content *(The output reflects the learners' own ideas and creativity and is free from plagiarism and unauthorized AI-generated content)*	30%
Visual and Overall Impact	20%
Technical Quality/ Execution	20%
Total	100%

C. PRIZES AND AWARDS

The winners for each competition category will receive cash prizes and certificates of recognition.