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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 610, s. 2026

2026 OBSERVANCE OF THE 18-DAY CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN (VAWC)

TO: **Asst. Schools Division Superintendent**
Chief Education Supervisors (CID and SGOD)
Education Program Supervisors
OIC-Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads (Public and Private)
Division Unit and Section Heads
All Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Proclamation No. 1172, s. 2006 (Declaring November 25 to December 12 of Every Year as the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women), Republic Act No. 10398 (Declaring November 25 of Every Year as the National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children), DepEd Order No. 32, s. 2017 (Gender-Responsive Basic Education Policy), and Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) Memorandum Circular No. 2026-05 (Guide for the 2026 Observance of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women), the **Schools Division Office of Iriga City joins the nation in observing the 2026 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) from November 25 to December 12, 2026.**

2. Anchored on the recurring multi-year theme "UNITED for a VAW-Free Philippines," the 2026 campaign emphasizes community engagement in VAW prevention through arts, participatory advocacy, and dialogues that challenge harmful gender norms, with particular focus on engaging men, boys, and youth as active allies.

3. Specifically, the observance aims to:
   a. Raise awareness among learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, and school communities on the various forms, root causes, and impacts of violence against women and children under RA 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004), RA 11313 (Safe Spaces Act), and RA 7877 (Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995);
   b. Strengthen prevention, reporting, and referral mechanisms in schools and offices to ensure safe inclusive, and gender-responsive learning and working environments; and

c. Promote shared responsibility and positive masculinity by empowering male personnel, boys, and youth leaders as partners in ending gender-based violence.

4. In support of the campaign, all public and private schools and SDO functional units are enjoined to undertake cost-efficient and non-partisan advocacy activities, which may include:

a. Flag Ceremony Integration: Recitation of the Official Prayer to End VAW (https://bit.ly/PrayerToEndVAW) and conduct of brief anti-VAWC orientations during Monday flag-raising ceremonies.
b. IEC and Visual Advocacy: Displaying of official 2026 18-Day Campaign banners/tarpaulins in conspicuous areas and updating physical and digital GAD corners with gender-fair, non-stereotyping Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials and local VAWC referral hotlines.
c. Arts-Based and Participatory Dialogues: Conduct of poster-making, slogan-writing, spoken-word poetry, essay writing, classroom discussions, or localized film screenings/talkbacks (CineBabaylan) integrated into Homeroom Guidance, Araling Panlipunan, MAPEH, Values Education/GMRC, or Learning Action Cell (LAC) sessions.
d. Digital Advocacy: Posting of advocacy materials, photo documentation, and participation in official PCW social media initiatives using the official campaign hashtag #VAWfreePH.
e. Division-Level Culminating/Advocacy Activity: Attendance and support to Gender and Development (GAD) initiatives championing protection, empowerment and rights-based advocacy for women, children and vulnerable sectors.
f. Orange Wednesday on November 25, December 5 and December 9.

5. Operational Guidelines:

a. Non-Disruption of Classes: All school-based activities must strictly adhere to DepEd policies on the protection of instructional time and shall be seamlessly integrated into existing curricular, homeroom, or co-curricular schedules.
b. Strict Non-Partisan Policy: Campaign resources, venues, and platforms shall be used exclusively for anti-VAWC advocacy and never for partisan political activities or personal promotion.
c. Austerity and Sustainability: Offices and schools are encouraged to maximize digital platforms and reuse existing advocacy materials whenever applicable.

6. Monitoring and Reporting: All elementary and secondary schools, through their respective School GAD Focal Point Persons and School Heads, shall submit a

consolidated Accomplishment Report (narrative summary with maximum of five captioned photographs) to SDO Iriga City GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) via the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) on or before December 17, 2026. OIC-PSDS shall oversee and monitor the compliance within their respective districts.

7. Expenses incurred relative to the conduct of GAD activities shall be charged against the respective GAD Fund, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

8. For information, guidance and widest dissemination.

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OIC-Schools Division Superintendent

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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Gender and Development (GAD)
18-day Campaign
End VAWC

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PRAYER

TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

As we observe the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women or VAW from November 25 to December 12, we ask you Lord to look with kindness upon all of us who are gathered here.

Fill our hearts and minds with love, wisdom, and courage as we face our daily lives.

We pray for all women and girls who suffer from domestic violence, rape, incest, sexual harassment, trafficking, prostitution, and other forms of violence: may they have the courage to break their silence, find protection, healing, and justice.

We pray for the perpetrators of VAW:
that they may learn to respect women and girls and stop the violence.

We pray for our government leaders and public institutions:
grant them the wisdom, foresight, and sense of duty to address the root causes of VAW, strengthen protective legal frameworks, and hold perpetrators accountable, ensuring that the burden of safety does not rest on victims alone.

Oh loving father and mother, send us your Spirit so that everything that we do will be done with love and respect for our fellow humans regardless of age, sex, class, ethnicity, and ability.

Oh powerful God, develop in us a high regard for the thoughts, feelings, and experiences of everyone, and bestow on us the capacity to promote, protect, and fulfill the rights of women and girls.

Almighty creator, grant us the strength to stand up against all forms of violence happening to women and girls;

the sharpness to recognize a silenced victim of VAW;

the courage to speak up against VAW;

the resourcefulness to help a victim of VAW;

and the resolve to never commit any form of VAW.

