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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. **098**, s. 2026

PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (NCE) INFORMATION CAMPAIGN AND CARAVAN

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the letter-request of Dr. Rochelle T. Papasin, Director III, Philippine Science High School (PSHS) SOCCSKSARGEN Region Campus, dated September 14, 2026, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Philippine Science High School System, in collaboration with DepEd-SDO Sarangani, will conduct the National Competitive Examination (NCE) Information Campaign and Caravan in preparation for the 2027 National Competitive Examination, which serves as the qualifying examination for admission to PSHS.

2. This activity will feature school-to-school campaigns and National Competitive Examination (NCE) orientation sessions for Grade 6 pupils division-wide in August and September 2026.

3. The application period for the 2027 NCE is open until 07 November 2026. Applications may be submitted online through the official Philippine Science High School NCE Portal at nce.pshs.edu.ph or in person at any PSHS campus, DOST Regional Office, or Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO). The NCE will be on 30 January 2027. For coordination and further information, the NCE Secretariat may be reached at +63917-700-4562, or through email at nce@src.pshs.edu.ph or registrar@src.pshs.edu.ph.

4. For inquiries, contact Marlou M. De Arce, EPS, Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), at 0918 618 5458.

5. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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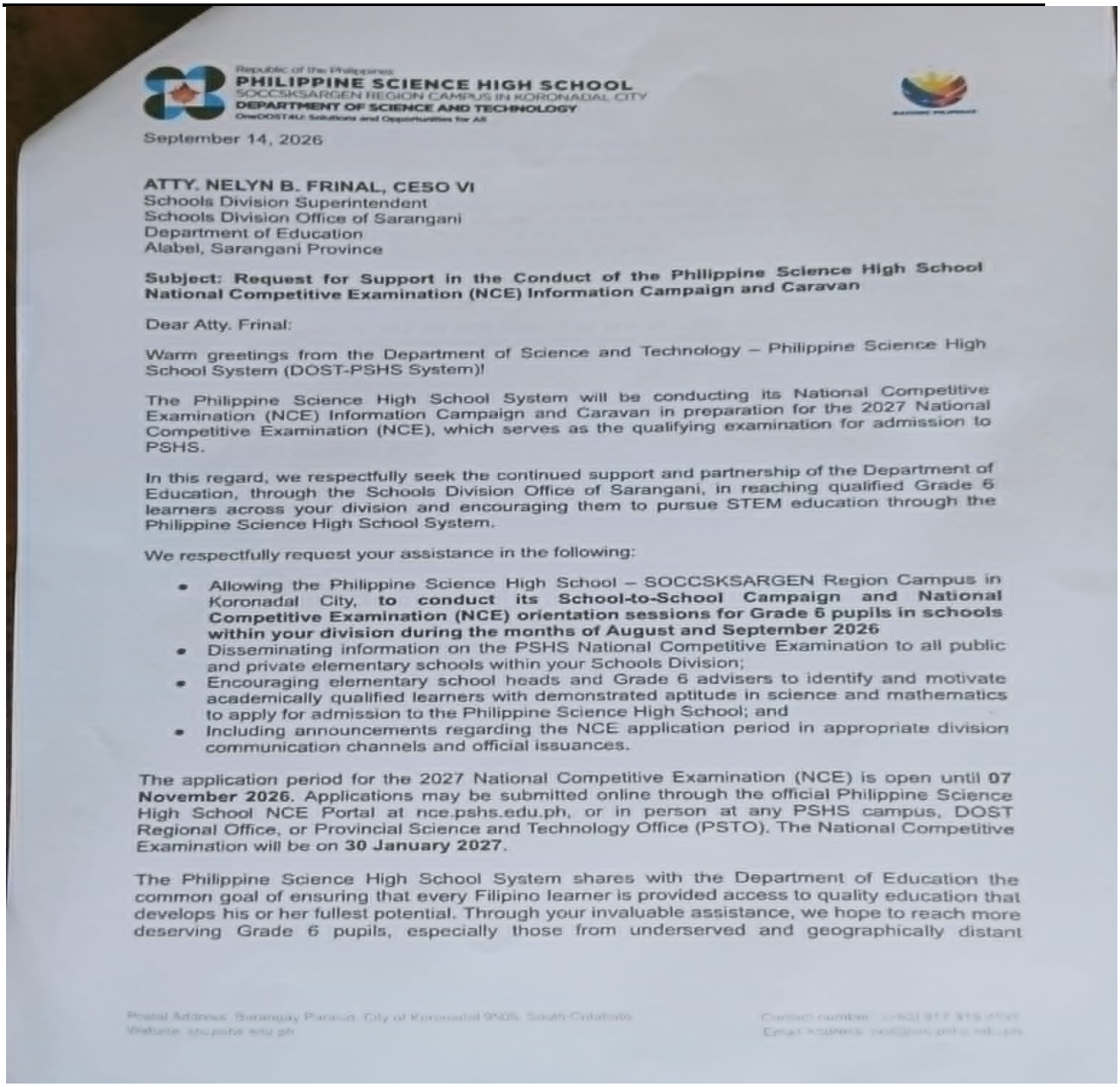
ATTY. NELYN B. FRINAL, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

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Encl.: Letter of Dr. Rochelle T. Papasin, Director III, PSHS SOCCSKSARGEN Region Campus, dated September 14, 2026
Reference: None
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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SOCCSKSARGEN REGION CAMPUS IN KORONADAL CITY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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September 14, 2026

ATTY. NELYN B. FRINAL, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division Office of Sarangani
Department of Education
Alabel, Sarangani Province

Subject: Request for Support in the Conduct of the Philippine Science High School National Competitive Examination (NCE) Information Campaign and Caravan

Dear Atty. Frinal:

Warm greetings from the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Science High School System (DOST-PSHS System)!

The Philippine Science High School System will be conducting its National Competitive Examination (NCE) Information Campaign and Caravan in preparation for the 2027 National Competitive Examination (NCE), which serves as the qualifying examination for admission to PSHS.

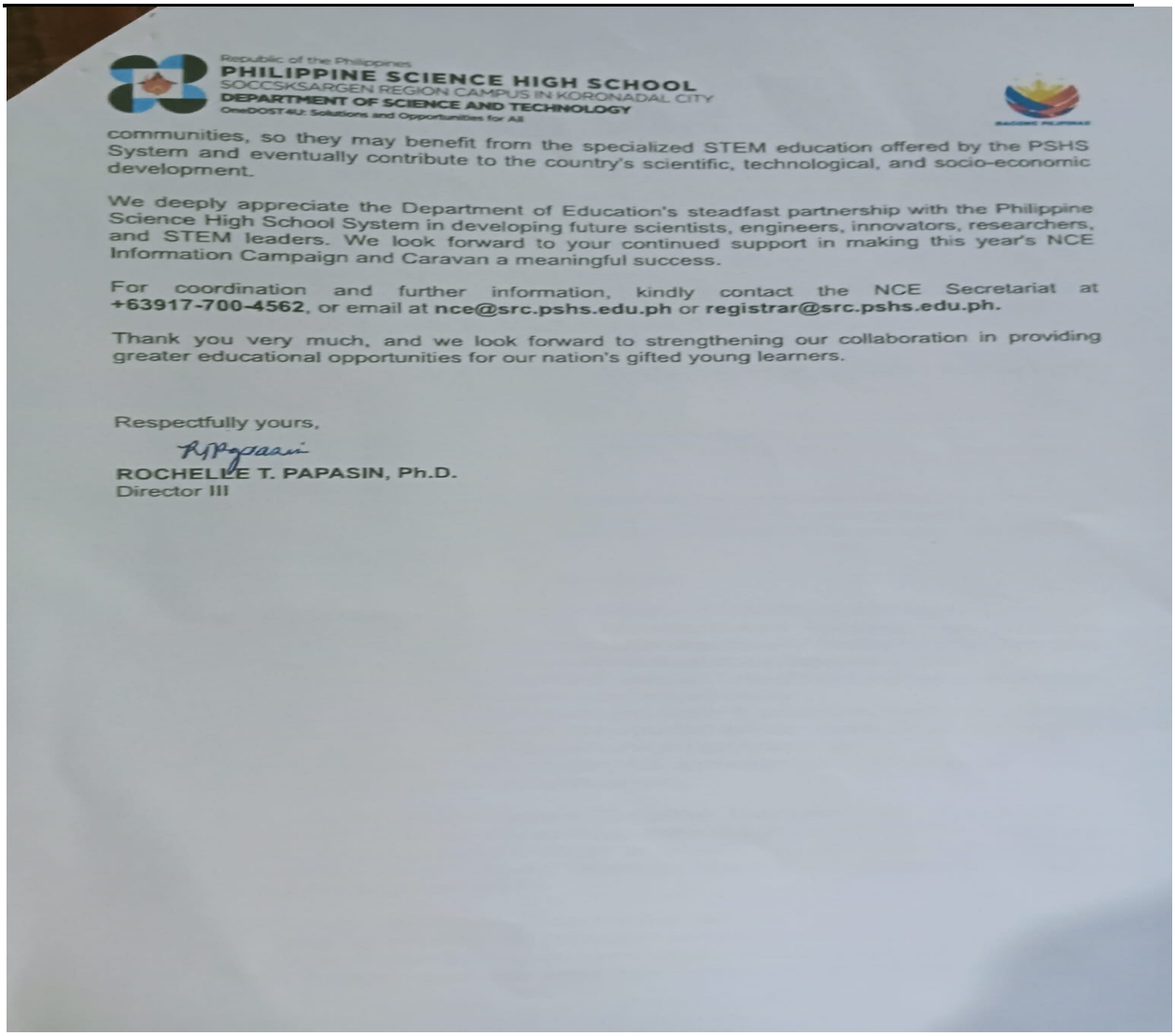
In this regard, we respectfully seek the continued support and partnership of the Department of Education, through the Schools Division Office of Sarangani, in reaching qualified Grade 6 learners across your division and encouraging them to pursue STEM education through the Philippine Science High School System.

We respectfully request your assistance in the following:

- Allowing the Philippine Science High School – SOCCSKSARGEN Region Campus in Koronadal City, **to conduct its School-to-School Campaign and National Competitive Examination (NCE) orientation sessions for Grade 6 pupils in schools within your division during the months of August and September 2026**
- Disseminating information on the PSHS National Competitive Examination to all public and private elementary schools within your Schools Division;
- Encouraging elementary school heads and Grade 6 advisers to identify and motivate academically qualified learners with demonstrated aptitude in science and mathematics to apply for admission to the Philippine Science High School; and
- Including announcements regarding the NCE application period in appropriate division communication channels and official issuances.

The application period for the 2027 National Competitive Examination (NCE) is open until **07 November 2026**. Applications may be submitted online through the official Philippine Science High School NCE Portal at nce.pshs.edu.ph, or in person at any PSHS campus, DOST Regional Office, or Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO). The National Competitive Examination will be on **30 January 2027**.

The Philippine Science High School System shares with the Department of Education the common goal of ensuring that every Filipino learner is provided access to quality education that develops his or her fullest potential. Through your invaluable assistance, we hope to reach more deserving Grade 6 pupils, especially those from underserved and geographically distant



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communities, so they may benefit from the specialized STEM education offered by the PSHS System and eventually contribute to the country's scientific, technological, and socio-economic development.

We deeply appreciate the Department of Education's steadfast partnership with the Philippine Science High School System in developing future scientists, engineers, innovators, researchers, and STEM leaders. We look forward to your continued support in making this year's NCE Information Campaign and Caravan a meaningful success.

For coordination and further information, kindly contact the NCE Secretariat at **+63917-700-4562**, or email at **nce@src.pshs.edu.ph** or **registrar@src.pshs.edu.ph.**

Thank you very much, and we look forward to strengthening our collaboration in providing greater educational opportunities for our nation's gifted young learners.

Respectfully yours,

ROCHELLE T. PAPASIN, Ph.D.
Director III