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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SARANGANI

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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2026 PROVINCIAL LITERACY CELEBRATION

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Concerned Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads

1. Literacy celebration is a yearly activity that the Alternative Learning System capitalize in advancing social, physical, emotional, psychological and mental development of the learners. The activities capture their attention, interest to discover, exercise and maximize further their abilities and thereby develop their literacy skills, and spirit of sportsmanship.
2. The Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) through the Alternative Learning System (ALS) in partnership with the Local Government Unit of the Municipality of Malungon, will hold the 2026 Provincial Literacy Celebration with a Theme **“Literacy for All: Empowering Communities, Transforming Lives through Lifelong Learning”** on **September 30, 2026**, 7:00am to 5:00pm, Wednesday at Malungon Sunken Arena, Malungon, Sarangani Province.
3. This activity aims to:
 - a. provide avenue for the learners to hone their physical and mental ability through literacy, sports, musical and literacy competition;
 - b. develop the literacy skills, confidence and the love for sports and spirit of sportsmanship among learners; and
 - c. encourage community support, and participation in the implementation and sustainability of ALS programs.
4. Enclosed are the Mechanics of various activities, number of expected participants for easy reference.
5. For any inquiries and clarifications contact, Norie L. Bagnol, Division ALS Focal Person at norie.bagnol001@deped.gov.ph.
6. Immediate dissemination with this memorandum is desired.

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Schools Division Superintendent





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Encl.: As stated

Reference: As stated

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

ALTERNATIVE LITERACY PROGRAM
CELEBRATION

NLB/CID-IMS/MLA – 2026 provincial literacy celebration
0649/September 1, 2026



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Enclosure No 1.

Expected Number of Participants

Regional Personnel	-	2
Division Personnel	-	10
PSDS/PIC	-	23
15 learners @ 23 districts	-	345
ALS Teachers	-	109
Guest	-	10
PLGU, MLGU, BLGU	-	<u>10</u>
TOTAL		509

List of Activities

- A. Literacy Contest
 - Spelling Bee (BLP)
 - Spoken Poetry
- B. Information Dissemination of the following partner agencies from Sarangani Province:
 - DSWD – Department of Social Welfare and Development
 - DTI – Department of Trade and Industry
 - TESDA – technical Education and Skills Development Authority
- C. Musical and Literacy Competition
 - Search for Mister and Miss ALS Sarangani 2026
 - Modern HipHop Dance (learners)
- D. Parlor Games
 - Giant Volleyball
- E. Special Awards
 - Early Bird Delegates
 - Most Disciplined Delegates
 - Best in Yell (60-90 seconds)
 - Best in Uniform Delegates
- F. ALS Expo from different Municipalities





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Enclosure no 2.

MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES

GUIDELINES FOR ALS SPELLING BEE CONTEST

1. Participants

1. The Spelling Bee Contest is open to officially enrolled **Alternative Learning System (ALS) learners under BLP**.
2. Each participating group shall be composed of **three (3) learners**.
3. Substitution of team members shall not be allowed once the contest has started.

2. Contest Coverage

1. The words to be spelled shall be taken from the **different ALS Learning Strands** to ensure that the contest covers a variety of knowledge and skills learned by ALS learners.
2. The word pool may include terms related to the following learning strands:
 - **Learning Strand 1 – Communication Skills**
 - **Learning Strand 2 – Scientific Literacy and Critical Thinking Skills**
 - **Learning Strand 3 – Mathematical and Problem-Solving Skills**
 - **Learning Strand 4 – Life and Career Skills**
 - **Learning Strand 5 – Understanding the Self and Society**
 - **Learning Strand 6 – Digital Citizenship**
3. Words shall be selected based on their **relevance to the ALS curriculum** and their appropriateness to the learners' level.
4. The words shall be classified according to three levels of difficulty:
 - **Easy (5 words)** – common and familiar words used in everyday life and basic learning activities;
 - **Average (5 words)** – moderately challenging words commonly encountered in the different learning strands; and
 - **Difficult (5 words)** – more complex or specialized words related to concepts discussed across the ALS learning strands.
5. The organizers shall prepare a **balanced set of words from the different learning strands** to provide fair and broad coverage of the ALS curriculum.

3. Levels of Difficulty and Points

Level	Points per Correct Answer
Easy	1 point
Average	2 points
Difficult	3 points

The team with the **highest total score** after all rounds shall be declared the winner.

4. Contest Mechanics

1. The contest shall have **three (3) rounds**:
 - **Round 1 – Easy**
 - **Round 2 – Average**
 - **Round 3 – Difficult**
2. All teams shall participate in all three rounds.
3. For every word, the Quiz Master shall:
 - pronounce the word clearly;
 - give its meaning or definition; and
 - use the word in a sentence.
4. The Quiz Master shall say the word twice.
5. The team will be allowed to write their answer once the timer says the go signal.
6. Each team shall be given **20 seconds** to spell the Easy word; **30 seconds** for Average; and **40 seconds** for Difficult word.
7. Once the team begins giving its **final spelling**, changing the answer shall not be allowed.
8. A correctly spelled word shall earn the corresponding points for the round.
9. An incorrectly spelled word shall receive **zero (0) point**. No points shall be deducted.





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5. Tie-Breaker Round

1. If two or more teams obtain the same highest score, a **tie-breaker round** shall be conducted.
2. The tie-breaker shall use **difficult-level words**.
3. Each correct answer shall be worth **3 points**.
4. The tie-breaker shall continue until one team correctly spells a word while the other tied team/s fail to spell their corresponding word correctly.
5. The team that breaks the tie shall be declared the winner.

6. Declaration of Winners

Teams shall be ranked according to their total accumulated points:

- **Champion – Highest Total Score**
- **1st Runner-Up – Second Highest Total Score**
- **2nd Runner-Up – Third Highest Total Score**

General Rule

The decision of the **Board of Judges** on matters concerning spelling, scoring, and contest results shall be **final and irrevocable**.

GUIDELINES FOR SPOKEN POETRY

- The contestant must be a bona fide learner of the Alternative Learning System (ALS) and officially enrolled in the LIS for School year 2026-2027.
- The piece must be relevant to the theme.
- The contestant shall be given a minimum of 3 minutes and maximum of 5 minutes to deliver the piece. Exceeding the prescribed time may result in a corresponding deduction of 1 point per minute.
- No hate speech, discrimination, or overly graphic content that violates the event's policy.
- He/ She shall wear appropriate and descent attire suitable for the occasion.
- Ranking system shall be used in determining the winner.
- The decision of the Board of judges shall be final and irrevocable.
- Filipino/English Language (Mixed)

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

Content (40 points)	Delivery (40 points)	Stage Presence (10 points)	Audience Impact (10 points)
• Relevance to the theme – (15) • Depth & Significance of message (10) • Creativity & use of poetic language (10) • Organization/Coherence (5)	• Voice projection & Clarity (10) • Diction/pronunciation (10) • Voice Modulation, pacing, & pauses (10) • Emotion & Interpretation (10)	• Confidence & Composure (4) • Facial Expressions & Gestures (3) • Appropriate movement/overall presence (3)	• Audience engagement (5) • Overall emotion, message impact (5)





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MODERN HIP-HOP DANCE CONTEST

MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES:

FOR ALS LEARNERS

1. The competition is open to ALS learners enrolled in School Year 2026-2027.
2. All entries should have a minimum of 8 members, and a maximum of 10 members.
3. Less than minimum and above maximum of members is subject for disqualification.
4. The members of the group should be a combination of both male and female participants.
5. Each Group will perform any music on modern hip-hop mixed it includes the entrance and exit
6. dance music given only. Any other dance music to use is not allowed and could be a ground to disqualification.
7. The performance must be a modern dance number.
8. Each group is allowed to use props and other appropriate materials in their dance except the fire, bottle, or any breakable items.
9. Participation in this competition indicates the acceptance of such risk. Assume that all participants are in good health and fit for the competition. The organizers are not responsible for personal injury. Each participating group must sign a waiver provided by the organizers.
10. Any violation of the above rules and mechanics of the competition will lead to disqualification.
11. Judges' decision is final and irrevocable.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

➤ Choreography (creativity, style, & originality) -----	50%
➤ Execution (timing, coordination & projection) -----	30%
➤ Costume -----	10%
➤ Over-all impact -----	10%
TOTAL:	100%

MR. AND MS. ALS SARANGANI 2026

GUIDELINES/MECHANICS

1. The candidates must be bona fide students of ALS (enrolled for the SY 2026-2027).
2. Each municipality must have one (1) pair of candidates; one (1) male and one (1) female candidate.
3. The coronation will be on September 24, 2026 (1:00pm) at the Municipal Gymnasium, Malungon, Sarangani Province during the 2026 ALS Literacy Day celebration.
4. There are four (4) competitions in the preliminary round, as follows:
 - a. Malong creation formal wear & Barong
 - b. Denim Attire (white jeans and ALS T-shirt Uniform)
 - c. Preliminary Interview (after the Denim Competition)
 - d. Formal Wear (male) and Gown (female)
5. The point breakdowns/criteria for judging of each competition are as follows:
 - a. **MALONG CREATION** **30 points**

CREATIVE DESIGN

-10 points

(How creative the design is)

POISE AND BEARING

-8 points

(How well did the contestant model his/her festival attire in terms of style and grace)

POSTURE/FITNESS TO THE WEARER -

-8 points

(Disregarding the contestant's size and proportions, how well did the contestant's festival attire flatter his/her particular body)



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OVER-ALL IMPACT	-4 points
b. DENIM ATTIRE	20 points
POISE AND BEARING	-7pts
(How well did the contestant model his/her denim in terms of style and grace)	
POSTURE/FITNESS TO THE WEARER	-6pts
(Disregarding the contestant's size and proportions, how well did the contestant's denim attire flatter his/her particular body)	
CONFIDENCE AND STAGE PRESENCE	-5pts
(How well did the contestant convey confidence with body type)	
OVER-ALL IMPACT	-2pts
c. PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW	30 points
INTELLIGENCE	-20pts
(How well did the contestant answer the question in terms of content/substance and knowledge)	
BEAUTY AND PERSONALITY	-10pts
(How personable was he/she)	
d. CASUAL/FORMAL WEAR	20 points
POISE AND BEARING	-8pts
(How well did the contestant model his formal wear and her gown in terms of technique and elegance)	
POSTURE/FITNESS TO THE WEARER	-7pts
(Disregarding the contestant's size and proportions, how well did the contestant's formal wear/gown flatter his/her particular body)	
OVER-ALL APPEARANCE	-5pts
(How well did the contestant convey confidence, charm, style, charisma and grace with body type and their outfit)	
OVER-ALL TOTAL	100 points

6. To determine the TOP 3 FINALISTS, all the combined total scores of each candidate from Festival Attire, Denim Competition, Preliminary Interview and Formal Wear/Gown Competition will be summed up. The 3 candidates who garnered highest points will be the Top 3 Finalists and will advance to final round of competition which is the FINAL INTERVIEW. All their total scores will be back to zero. And they will be judged according to:

FINAL INTERVIEW:

INTELLIGENCE	-50%
(How well did the contestant answer the question in terms of content/substance and knowledge)	
BEAUTY AND PERSONALITY	-50%
(How personable was he/she)	
TOTAL	100%

7. The Top 3 Finalists for male and female category will be answering one common question. The organizing committee will prepare 3 questions, sealed in three separate envelopes, in which the chairman of the panel of judges will be the one to pick one envelope. Whichever from the questions picked by the chairman of the panel of judges, will be the official one common question for the final question and answer portion. The 3 Final Questions will be given to the candidates a week before the coronation.





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8. Also the organizing committee will prepare 14 Preliminary Questions, seven (7) for male candidates and

(7) for female candidates to be given to the candidates one week before the coronation day.

9. Each pair of candidates will submit at least two (2) official headshot photo to be sent to edsonpartida@gmail.com. The photos should be in white background wearing a light make. See attached sample of headshot photos. Deadline of submission is on October 3, 2025.

10. The organizing committee will be the one to edit the photos of each candidate before posting it to the official FB Page of DepEd ALS Sarangani on October 6, 2025. In which, the start of the counting of heart reactions and shares of their photos will commence and will end on midnight of October 15, 2025 to determine the winners of Mister and Miss Netizens' Choice Award. The submitted photos will be their official headshot portrait to be used in determining the Mister and Miss Photogenic Award. Since there is no OFFICIAL PHOTAGRAPHER, the Panel of Judges will be the one to judge who will win the Mr. and Ms. Photogenic.

11. Since there's no other time for rehearsals, all the candidates are advised not to join in other events during the literacy day. The first and final rehearsal will be in the morning of October 16, 2025 (7:00am to 11:00am).

12. The following are the Special, Minor and Major Awards:

a. SPECIAL AWARDS

-Mister and Miss Photogenic- this award is to be given to the candidate who translates best on print, gave his/her best projections making himself/herself visually appealing.

-Mister and Miss Netizens' Choice- this award is to be given to the candidate who has the highest number of reactions and share of their Official Portrait posted on official FB Page of Mr. and Ms. ALS Sarangani 2024.

-Mister and Miss Congeniality- this award is to be given to the most friendly candidate.

-Best in Catwalk-this award is to be given to the candidate who shows best in his/her pasarela.

-Mister and Miss Silkiest Hair- this award is to be given to the candidate who has a healthy and silkiest hair.

-Mister and Miss Body Beautiful-this award is to be given to the candidate who has a beautiful body shape.

-Mister and Miss Beautiful Smile-this award is to be given to the candidate who has a sparkling smile.

-Mister and Miss Glow Skin-this award is to be given to the candidate who has a beautiful and healthy skin.

b. MINOR AWARDS

-BEST IN FESTIVAL ATTIRE-This award is to be given to the candidate who caught everybody's attention with their commanding presence and aura during the Festival Attire.

-BEST IN DENIM-This award is to be given to the candidate who model his/her denim wear in terms of style and grace during the denim competition.

-BEST IN PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW -This award is to be given to the candidate who proved that his/her wit is his/her greatest weapon, for he/she is able to answer the question with grace and eloquence despite the pressure.





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-BEST IN FORMAL WEAR/GOWN-This award is to be given to the candidate who carried himself/herself best in his/her formal wear/gown while embodying the ultimate form of sophistication and elegance.

c. MAJOR AWARDS

-2ND RUNNER UP-MISTER and MISS ALS-SARANGANI 2025
-1ST RUNNER UP-MISTER and MISS ALS-SARANGANI 2025
-MISTER ALS-SARANGANI 2025
-MISS ALS-SARANGANI 2025

POINT SYSTEM – OVERALL CHAMPION

EVENTS

CORRESPONDING POINTS

Major Events

- Search for Mr. and Ms. ALS
 - 1st-100
 - 2nd-70
 - 3rd-50
 - Participation- 20

Minor Events

- Ballgames
 - 1st-70
- Parlor Games
 - 2nd-50
- Modern HipHop Dance
 - 3rd-30
 - Participation- 10

Literacy Contest

- Spelling Bee
 - 1st-100
- Spoken Poetry
 - 2nd-70
 - 3rd-50
 - Participation- 20

Special Awards (20points)

- Best in Uniform
 - 1st-40
- Best in Yell
 - 2nd-30
- Most Disciplined
 - 3rd-20
 - Participation- 5





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Enclosure no 3

List of Technical Working Group

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Spelling Bee

Chairman: Dariel Alba

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Mirarie Elarde	Asrie Ibrahim
Juvelyn Albaracin	Gilbert Piquero

Spoken Poetry:

Chairman: Dyecebel A. Pangaldin

Members:

Bonnie Grace T. Furog	Arjie B. Tomaodos
Noria D. Cabal	Fe N. Mercurio
Cathy D. Cataluna	Vilma U. Unda

Ballgames (Giant Volleyball)

Chairman: Adones M. Vistal

Members:

Armand C. Hernandez	John Kenneth Peligro
Brian M. Generale	Reynold Panares
Nori Glen Generale	Richie Cahayag

Modern Dance

Chairman: Arlene S. Tibon

Members: Romel Samano

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Jayne Villota

Search for Mister and Miss ALS Sarangani 2026

Chairman: Edson James G. Partida

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ALS Expo per Municipality

Chairman: Bernard Catluna

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