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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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REGIONAL SCHOOL-LEVEL ORIENTATION ON THE GAS-TUKLAS PROGRAM FOR SY 2026-2027

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors & District Principal In-Charge
Division GAS-TUKLAS Focal Person
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Regional Memorandum No. 073, s. 2026, titled Implementation of the Government Assistance and Subsidies - Training and Upgrading Knowledge for Learners, Teachers, and Achievers in Schools (GAS-TUKLAS) Program for School Year 2026-2027, this Office hereby directs the attendance of identified participants and concerned school personnel to the **Regional School-Level Orientation on the GAS-TUKLAS Program for SY 2026-2027** on **September 21-22, 2026**, 8:00am – 5:00pm through an online platform (MS teams).

2. The activity aims to:
   a. Orient school heads and designated school focal persons on the GAS-TUKLAS Program guidelines and implementation procedures;
   b. Discuss the eligibility requirements, application process, documentary requirements, and timelines for program implementation;
   c. Familiarize participants with the allowable expenses, release procedures, monitoring mechanisms, and reporting requirements of the program;
   d. Strengthen school-level capacity in facilitating GAS-TUKLAS applications and program implementation; and
   e. Ensure the effective dissemination of program information to learners, parents, teachers, coaches, and other stakeholders.

3. The participants in this activity are the Schools Division Superintendent, Assistant Schools Division Superintendent, Chief of the Curriculum Impiementation Division (CID); Chief of the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD); Public Schools District Supervisors & District Principal In-Charge; Division GAS-TUKLAS Focal Person; and the Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads.

4. The Regional Online Orientation shall be conducted via Microsoft Teams through the following details:

Meeting Link: https://tinyurl.com/SOX-GAS-TUKLAS
Meeting ID: 490 543 476 942 223
Passcode: Sw32gb2Q

Address: Capitol Compound, Maribulan, Alabel, Sarangani Province
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Website: www.depedsaragani.com
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5. Participants are requested to register on or before September 18, 2026 through the link: https://tinyurl.com/GAS-TUKLASorientation. In addition, the participants are advised also to log in at least ten (10) minutes before the start of the sessions, use their complete name and school affiliation as display name, observe proper online meeting protocols, and ensure a stable internet connection throughout the activity.

6. For inquiries, contact Mr, Jestoni C. Sales at 0950-370-7778/ jestoni.sales@deped.gov.ph

7. Wide and Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Schools Division Superintendent

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Enclosure 1: **Regional Activity Matrix**

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Indicative Schedule of Activities

Link for the Online Orientation: ***https://tinyurl.com/SOX-GAS-TUKLAS*** Meeting ID: 490 543 476 942 223 Passcode: Sw32gb2Q		
Day 1: September 21, 2026		
Time	Activity	Persons Responsible
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Admission of Participants	Program Management Team
8:30–9:00 AM	**Opening Program** Prayer Recitation of DepEd Quality Policy Regional Hymn Acknowledgment of Participants Message Statement of Purpose and Objectives	 c/o **Monique D. Gaspar** ADAS, QAD **Atty. Alberto T. Escobarte, CESO II** Regional Director **Norman S. Valeroso** Chief, QAD
9:00-9:30 AM	School Level Orientation on GAS-TUKLAS	**Nathaniel F. Bangoc II** EPS, QAD
9:30-10:00 AM	Session 1: Getting To Know GAS-TUKLAS	**Grace Patrice M. Mondragon** EPS, QAD
10:00-11:00 AM	Session 2: Who May Avail and What Competitions Are Covered?	**Jestoni Chi Sales** GAS-TUKLAS Focal Sarangani
11:00-12:00 NN	Session 3: What Assistance Can GAS-TUKLAS Provide?	**Felix Billion** GAS-TUKLAS Focal General Santos City
12:00–1:00 PM	L U N C H	
1:00-2:00 PM	Session 4: How to Apply: From Opportunity to Application	**Maricel B. Dignadice** GAS-TUKLAS Focal Koronadal city
2:00-3:00 PM	Session 5: After Approval: Fund Release, Participation and Post-Activity Compliance	**Jubert E. Jumantoc** GAS-TUKLAS Focal South Cotabato
3:00-3:15 PM	Health Break	

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3:15-4:15 PM	Session 6: Accountability, Violations and Sanctions	**Ernie Pama** GAS-TUKLAS Focal Tacurong City
4:15-5:00 PM	End of Day Evaluation	QAME In-Charge
Day 2: September 22, 2026		
8:00-8:30 AM	MOL	c/o **Monique D. Gaspar** ADAS, QAD
8:30 -9:30 AM	Session 7: Know Your Roles: Who Does What in GAS-TUKLAS?	**Lazaro P. Oriel** GAS-TUKLAS Focal Sultan Kudarat
9:30 -10:30 AM	Session 8: Application Walkthrough	**Cheryl I. Cerias** GAS-TUKLAS Focal Kidapawan City
10:30 -10:45 AM	Health Break	
10:45 -11:45 AM	Session 9: FAQs, Myths vs. Facts and Common Mistakes	**Charlie L. Antipolo** GAS-TUKLAS Focal Cotabato
11:45–1:00 PM	L U N C H	
1:00–2:00 PM	Session 10: From Orientation to Action: School-Level Next Steps and M&E	**Louella D. Jabido** EPS, QAD
	Open Forum/Ways Forward	**Norman S. Valeroso** Chief, QAD
	Closing Program	
Facilitator: **Louella D. Jabido** EPS, QAD		

Enclosure 2: **Regional Memorandum**

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 073 s. 2026

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AND SUBSIDIES–TRAINING AND UPGRADING KNOWLEDGE FOR LEARNERS, TEACHERS, AND ACHIEVERS IN SCHOOLS (GAS-TUKLAS) PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026–2027

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs, Curriculum Implementation Division
Chiefs, School Governance and Operations Division
Division GAS-TUKLAS Focal Persons
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum No. 046, s. 2026, titled *"Pilot Implementation Guidelines of the Government Assistance and Subsidies–Training and Upgrading Knowledge for Learners, Teachers, and Achievers in Schools Program for School Year 2026–2027,"* and Memorandum OUF-2026-1884, titled *"GAS-TUKLAS Roll-out Activities and Submission of Prospective Applications for SY 2026–2027,"* this Office hereby disseminates and directs the implementation of the Government Assistance and Subsidies–Training and Upgrading Knowledge for Learners, Teachers, and Achievers in Schools (GAS-TUKLAS) Program in DepEd Region XII.

2. The GAS-TUKLAS Program is a financial assistance program intended to support eligible learners and teacher-coaches in their participation in duly recognized and DepEd-endorsed or DepEd-acknowledged national and international academic, sports, cultural, co-curricular, extracurricular, and other relevant competitions, including allowable training and preparation activities, subject to the eligibility requirements, procedures, and limitations prescribed under DepEd Memorandum No. 046, s. 2026.

3. The Program seeks to broaden access to competition-based learning and development opportunities by reducing financial barriers that may prevent qualified learners, particularly those from low-income and financially disadvantaged households, from participating in recognized competitions. It likewise supports the professional and technical preparation of duly designated teacher-coaches accompanying and training qualified learner-participants.

4. The pilot implementation covers qualified learners and teacher-coaches from public and private basic education institutions. Learners and teacher-coaches from other eligible public educational institutions may likewise be covered, subject to the provisions of DepEd Memorandum No. 046, s. 2026. Priority shall be given to qualified learners and teacher-coaches from DepEd public basic education schools consistent with the governing guidelines.

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5. In this connection, all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are directed to conduct appropriate information dissemination and orientation activities for school heads, designated focal persons, teachers, coaches, learners, parents or guardians, and other concerned stakeholders on the objectives, eligibility requirements, application procedures, documentary requirements, allowable expenses, approval process, release of financial assistance, and post-activity reporting requirements of the GAS-TUKLAS Program.

6. To ensure systematic, flexible, and responsive dissemination of the GAS-TUKLAS Program guidelines, the conduct of localized orientation activities shall follow a **phased implementation approach in September 2026**, taking into consideration the readiness, geographic location, connectivity, and implementation needs of the Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and participating schools, as follows:

Indicative/Proposed Period and Modality for the Conduct of Localized School Orientation	**Implementation Arrangement**
September 21-22, 2026 – Model A: Regional Online Orientation	A Regional Online Orientation shall be conducted for all eight (8) Schools Division Offices and selected school representatives to provide a common understanding of the GAS-TUKLAS Program guidelines, eligibility requirements, application procedures, documentary requirements, allowable expenses, approval processes, and reporting requirements. • *Participants are requested to* ***register on or before September 18, 2026*** *through the link:* ***https://tinyurl.com/GAS-TUKLASorientation***. • Participants are advised to join the online platform through the link: ***https://tinyurl.com/SOX-GAS-TUKLAS*** *(Meeting ID: 490 543 476 942 223, Passcode: Sw32gb2Q)* at least ten minutes before the session, use their complete name and office or school affiliation as their display name, and ensure the availability of a stable internet connection and an appropriate device. Participants shall observe proper online meeting protocols throughout the activity. • Enclosed is the Indicative Schedule of the online orientation for reference and guidance.
September 28–October 2, 2026 – Model B: Clustered Division Orientation	Clustered Division Orientation may be conducted among SDOs where geographic proximity, common implementation concerns, availability of resource persons, and other operational considerations make clustering practical and efficient. The activity may be conducted through **face-to-face, pure online, or hybrid modality**, as appropriate.

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September 28 - October 16, 2026 – Model C: Division-Level Cascading	Each SDO may conduct Division-Level Cascading for school heads, designated GAS-TUKLAS focal persons, teachers, coaches, and other concerned personnel who require more localized and contextualized orientation. The activity may likewise be conducted through **face-to-face, pure online, or hybrid modality**, depending on local circumstances and available resources.
Throughout September 2026 and during post-orientation implementation – Model D: Hybrid Information Campaign	A continuing Hybrid Information Campaign shall be undertaken through official advisories, information materials or pub mats, frequently asked questions (FAQs), digital reference materials, online communication platforms, and helpdesk or technical assistance support to address implementation concerns and provide continuing guidance to schools and SDOs.

7. The orientation models are intended to provide flexibility to the Schools Division Offices while ensuring consistency in the interpretation and implementation of the GAS-TUKLAS Program. SDOs may adopt the most appropriate model or combination of models based on their local context, provided that all concerned schools are adequately oriented and given access to the official guidelines, application procedures, documentary requirements, and technical assistance mechanisms.

8. Schools Division Offices shall ensure that the conduct of their localized orientation and cascading activities is properly documented. Copies of the activity program, attendance sheets, presentation materials, photographs or screenshots, issues and concerns raised, and other relevant documentation shall be maintained for monitoring and reporting purposes.

9. The concerned Schools Division Office, through its designated GAS-TUKLAS Focal Person and appropriate technical personnel, shall review and validate the applications and supporting documents submitted by schools and shall ensure compliance with the prescribed eligibility and documentary requirements before forwarding qualified applications to the Regional Office.

10. In determining prospective applications for endorsement, particular attention shall be given to the following:

a. eligibility of the learner and teacher-coach
b. financial capacity and circumstances of the learner-applicant, whenever applicable
c. legitimacy and credibility of the organizing institution
d. official recognition, endorsement, or acknowledgment of the competition;
e. nature, level, schedule, and venue of the competition
f. reasonableness and necessity of the requested financial assistance
g. completeness and authenticity of documentary requirements
h. compliance with all other conditions prescribed under existing GAS-TUKLAS guidelines.

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11. Applications shall undergo the appropriate **school, Schools Division Office, Regional Office, and/or Central Office evaluation and approval processes**, as prescribed. Submission or endorsement of an application shall **not automatically constitute approval or entitlement to financial assistance**, as the grant remains subject to eligibility validation, availability of funds, completion of requirements, and final approval by the appropriate authority.

12. All school officials and personnel concerned are reminded to exercise **due diligence, transparency, accountability, and prudent stewardship of government resources** in the processing and endorsement of applications. Any false, inaccurate, misleading, altered, or fraudulent information or document shall be dealt with in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and DepEd policies.

13. The SDOs shall submit their consolidated prospective applications and supporting documents to the Regional Office through the designated Regional GAS-TUKLAS Focal Person **on or before September 30, 2026 at 3:00 PM**, through **https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/7aueDLt3uz**, for regional review, validation, and appropriate action.

14. The provisions of **DepEd Memorandum No. 046, s. 2026**, Memorandum OUF-2026-1884, and other applicable DepEd issuances shall be strictly observed in the implementation of the Program.

15. For clarification and technical assistance, contact Grace Patrice M. Mondragon, Regional GAS-TUKLAS Focal Person, through email at qad.region12@deped.gov.ph.

16. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are directed.

ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II
Regional Director

Enclosure:
References: DepEd Memorandum No. 046, s. 2026, Memorandum OUF-2026-1948
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