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October 5, 2026
In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013,
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PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTUAL TEST ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA)-BASED TEST FOR SCHOOLS (PBTS) 2026

In reference to Regional Memorandum No. 117, s. 2026 entitled Regional Training and Actual Test Administration for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)-Based Test for Schools (PBTS) 2026, this Office informs all concerned personnel and stakeholders that the Actual Test Administration (Evaluation Day) for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)-Based Test for Schools (PBTS) 2026 shall be conducted in the Schools Division of Sarangani through the identified sample schools, namely: **Glan School of Arts and Trades (GSAT) on October 5, 2026 at 1:00 PM (Session 1)** and **Blaan Integrated School on October 6, 2026 at 9:00 AM (Session 1).**

The **PISA-Based test for Schools (PBTS) 2026** is an OECD-supported computer-based assessment designed as a diagnostic and developmental tool to evaluate 15-year-old learners' critical thinking and application skills in Reading, Mathematics, and Science in real-world contexts. Delivered in **mother tongue (Tagalog, Bisaya, Ilocano),** it supports system capacity building and collective learning across participating schools and is not used for ranking purposes.

In view of Executive Order No. 61, s. 2026 issued by the Office of the Provincial Governor, which suspends classes and work in all public and private schools and educational institutions in the Province of Sarangani on October 5, 2026 in celebration of National Teachers' Day, it is hereby clarified that the scheduled Actual Test Administration (Evaluation Day) for Glan School of Arts and Trades (GSAT) **shall proceed as scheduled.**

As stipulated in Item 7 of Regional Memorandum No. 117, s. 2026, participants involved in the Evaluation Day activity shall be granted appropriate compensatory overtime credit (COC) or service credits, as applicable, in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003, Updated Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers, and CSC-DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2015, Policies and Guidelines on Overtime Services and Overtime Pay for Government Employees.

The participants for the Evaluation Day scheduled on October 5, 2026 are as follows:

Name	Designation/Role	Office/School
1. Araceli J. Dinopol	SEPS-SMME	SGOD-SMME
2. Marlou De Arce	EPS	CID
3. Josie Teofila N. Quijano	School Head	GSAT
4. Cyrelle Jay S. Mantalaba	School ICT Coordinator	Glan School of Arts and Trades
5. Revirose Cabaraban	AO IV/School Test Administrator	Glan School of Arts and Trades
6. Maria Vena N. Niervo	HT IV/School Test Administrator	Glan School of Arts and Trades
7. Jewel C. Bacallan	Teacher III/School Test Administrator	Glan School of Arts and Trades

All other provisions stipulated in the previously issued advisory shall remain in full force and effect.

For inquiries and clarifications, please contact:

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Enclosure 1: **The Regional Memorandum No. 117, s. 2026**

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 117 s. 2026

REGIONAL TRAINING AND ACTUAL TEST ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA)-BASED TEST FOR SCHOOLS (PBTS) 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 29, s. 2017, titled "*Policy Guidelines on System Assessment in the K to 12 Basic Education Program*," and other relevant issuances from the Monitoring and Evaluation Office (MEO), this Office shall conduct **the Regional Training of Testing Personnel on September 30, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. at the Fe Hidalgo Hall,** DepEd Regional Office XII, Prime Regional Center, Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City. The **Actual Test Administration** (Evaluation Days) shall subsequently be conducted from **October 5 to 9, 2026**, in all sampled secondary schools within the region.

2. The **PISA-Based Test for Schools (PBTS) 2026** is an OECD-supported computer-based assessment designed as a diagnostic and developmental tool to evaluate 15-year-old learners' critical thinking and application skills in Reading, Mathematics, and Science in real-world contexts. Delivered in **mother tongues (Tagalog, Bisaya, Ilokano)**, it supports system capacity building and collective learning across participating schools and is not used for ranking purposes.

3. Trainers for the activity are the personnel who attended the National training, while participants in the regional orientation and training sessions will consist of four representatives from the following sample schools:

School	Division	No. of Pax
Masiag National High School – Bagumbayan Annex	Sultan Kudarat	4
Sangay National High School	Sultan Kudarat	4
Bula National School of Fisheries	General Santos City	4
General Santos City National High School	General Santos City	4
Notre Dame – Siena College of General Santos City	General Santos City	4
Tupi National High School	South Cotabato	4
Glan School of Arts and Trades	Sarangani	4
Blaan Integrated School	Sarangani	4

4. Recommended participants from the sampled schools for the Regional Training are the **Teacher/s as Test Administrators (TAs) and one ICT personnel**, or any personnel who is digitally literate. Moreover, the **Division Testing Coordinators (DTCs)** and **Division Information Technology Officers (DITO)** from the 4 divisions are enjoined to attend the Regional Training.

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5. The **Prework Activity** shall be conducted online on **September 22, 2026, via Microsoft Teams**. The meeting credentials will be sent to the concerned participants. The participants for the Prework activity are the **four Regional Trainers** and the **Division Testing Coordinators of the 4 sampled Divisions for PBTS 2026**.

6. Attached are the Indicative Program for the Regional Training and the Guidelines on the Use of PSF for the Administration of PBST 2026.

7. The participants for the Evaluation Day shall be granted Compensatory Time-off for days that fall on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, following DepEd Order No.53, s.2003, Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credit to Teachers and CSC-DBM Joint Circular no.2, s.2015, Policies and Guidelines on Overtime Services and Overtime Pay for Government Employees.

8. Expenses incurred relative to meals and snacks of participants during the Regional Training shall be charged to the **2026 National Assessment System for Basic Education (NASBE) funds of the MEO**. Accommodation, transportation, and incidental expenses will be charged to **Program Support Funds (PSF)** downloaded to the Division Offices, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Moreover, expenses during the Evaluation Day shall be downloaded to the Schools Division Offices (SDOs). Should the downloaded funds prove insufficient to cover all expenses fully, any remaining balance will likewise be supplemented by local funds.

9. For queries and clarifications, contact Nathaniel F. Bangoc II, Regional Testing Coordinator, through nathaniel.bangoc001@deped.gov.ph.

10. For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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