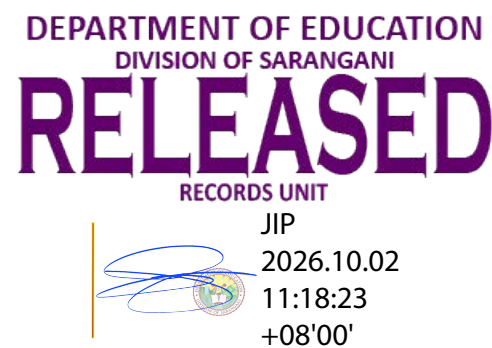




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29 Sept 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
SGOD-2026-270

ATTENDANCE TO THE REGIONAL TRAINING OF TESTING PERSONNEL IN
PREPARATION FOR THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAMME
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA)-BASED
TEST FOR SCHOOLS (PBTS) 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Identified Test Administrators (TAs)
Identified ICT Personnel
Division Information Technology Officer (DITO)
Division Testing Coordinator (DTC)
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Regional Memorandum No. 117, s. 2026, titled "Regional Training and Actual Test Administration for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)-Based Test for Schools (PBTS) 2026," this Office directs the attendance of the identified participants in the Regional Training of Testing Personnel on September 30, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at Fe Hidalgo Hall, DepEd Regional Office XII, Prime Center, Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City.
2. The training aims to equip testing personnel with the necessary knowledge and skills for the successful administration of the PISA-Based Test for Schools (PBTS) 2026 and ensure compliance with the prescribed testing policies, procedures, and protocols.
3. For the Schools Division Office of Sarangani, the identified sample schools that shall participate in the PISA-Based Test for Schools (PBTS) 2026 are Glan School of Arts and Trades (GSAT) and Blaan Integrated School (Blaan IS). Accordingly, participants in this activity shall include the Division Information Technology Officer (DITO), the Division Testing Coordinator (DTC) or Alternate DTC, School ICT Coordinators, and designated School Test Administrators from the identified sample schools.
4. Expenses for accommodation, transportation, and other incidental costs shall be charged against the Program Support Funds (PSF) downloaded to the Division Office, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. For inquiries and clarifications, please contact Ms. Araceli J. Dinopol, Senior Education Program Specialist (SEPS), through mobile number 0918-468-8641, or Mr. Jestoni C. Sales, Education Program Specialist II (EPS II), through mobile number 0950-370-7778 or email address jestoni.sales@deped.gov.ph.



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6. For the information. Guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.


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

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Reference: As stated

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COMMUNICATIONS
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ASSESSMENT

JCS/SGOD-SMME/DM - attendance to the regional training of testing personnel in preparation for the actual assessment of the programme for international student assessment (pisa)-based test for schools (PBTS) 2026.
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Enclosure 1: **Regional Memorandum and its Activity Matrix**



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17 Sept 2026

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 **Pework 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 Pework 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.


ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II
Regional Director

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Reference: As Stated
Allotment: NASBE PSF MEO
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ASSESSMENT
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NFBII/QAD/RM-CONDUCT OF THE REGIONAL TRAINING FOR THE PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA)-BASED TEST FOR SCHOOLS (PBTS) 2026 AND ACTUAL TEST ADMINISTRATION/025/August 28, 2026

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Enclosure 1 to Regional Memorandum No. 117 s. 2026

**CONDUCT OF THE REGIONAL TRAINING FOR THE PROGRAMME FOR
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA)-BASED TEST
FOR SCHOOLS (PBTS) 2026**

INDICATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Time	Activity	Person Responsible
September 30, 2026		
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Arrival and Registration	Monique D. Gaspar ADAS, QAD
8:31 – 9:00 AM	Opening Program National Hym Prayer Recitation of DepEd Quality Policy Regional Hym Acknowledgement of Participants Opening Remarks Message Statement of Purpose and Objectives	 <i>c/o AVP</i> Grace Patrice M. Mondragon EPS, QAD Kathrine H. Lotilla Assistant Regional Director Atty. Alberto T. Escobarte, CESO II Regional Director Norman S. Valeroso Chief, QAD
9:01 – 9:30 AM	Overview: PISA for Schools	Nathaniel F. Bangoc II EPS, Regional Office
9:31 – 10:00 AM	PISA for Schools: Roles and Responsibilities with Process Flow	Felix S. Billon SEPS, General Santos City
10:01 -12:00 AM	PISA for Schools: Test Administrators with Hands-on Practice	Romy P. Estrecho MT, Sultan Kudarat
12:01 - 1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 – 3:00 PM	PISA for Schools: ICT Training with Hands-On Practice	Aldwin Opre RITO, ORD
3:01 – 3:30 PM	Frequently Asked Questions and Open Forum	Florida Sajor EPS, QAD
3:31 – 4:00 PM	Closing Program	Louella D. Jabido EPS, QAD

Activity Facilitator: **Florida Sajor**



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Enclosure 2: **List of identified participants**

Name	Position / Designation	Office/School
1. Roy J. Detoyato	Division Information Technology Officer (DITO)	ICTU
2. Jestoni C. Sales	Division Testing Coordinator (DTC)-Alternate	SMME
3. Cyrelle Jay S. Mantalaba	School ICT Coordinator	Glan School of Arts and Trades
4. Rizza I. Ortega	School ICT Coordinator	Blaan Integrated School
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	T-III/School Test Administrator	Glan School of Arts and Trades
8. Mechie G. Cabrillos	T-I/School Test Administrator	Blaan Integrated School
9. Darfelyn T. Zolina	T-III/School Test Administrator	Blaan Integrated School
10. Riza O. Rotel	T-III/School Test Administrator	Blaan Integrated School

