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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUMNo. **1344** s. 2025

**HEARTS THAT PROTECT: PROJECT KALINGA TRAINING ON LEARNER
 SAFETY AND SPIRITUAL NURTURING**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 All Others Concerned

1. Children today face complex challenges such as bullying, abuse, violence, neglect, and exploitation. While existing legal frameworks mandate the protection of learners, the reality in schools demands a more holistic response that addresses not only safety but also the emotional, moral, and spiritual resilience of children. Hence, the birth of Project KALINGA (Knowledge, Advocacy, Love and Compassion, Inclusivity, Non-Violence, Gratitude, and Awareness), which introduces a transformative approach by weaving spiritual values into the core of learner protection. It recognizes that safe schools are not just policy-driven but are also anchored in compassion, mindfulness, and the promotion of a culture of belonging.
2. In view thereof, this Region, through the Special Programs and Projects Section (SPPS) shall conduct the **Hearts that Protect: Project KALINGA Training on Learner Safety and Spiritual Nurturing** on November 4-7, 2025. The specific venue shall be announced later through a separate Advisory.
3. This training program seeks to strengthen the capacities of teachers, school heads, and Child Protection Committee (CPC) members in protecting children through a blend of legal compliance, psychosocial support, and spirituality integration. It will empower educators and leaders not just as enforcers of policy, but as guardians of compassion and role models of non-violence.
4. The participants to this activity are the following:

Regional Office	RD Ronelo Al K. Firmo Dr. Edgar Tenasas PDO IV Eden A. Dadap 5 SPPS Personnel and Staff
Schools Division Office	13 Youth Formation Focal Persons 13 Learner Rights and Protection 3 School Heads/SDO from big schools (3x13=39)
Guest Facilitators	2
Total Number of Participants	75

5. All the participants shall be provided for with meals specified below, accommodation, training kits, and advocacy materials charged to the CO-LRPO

downloaded funds for Project KALINGA implementation while their travel expenses and per diem, shall be charged against their respective MOOE/PSF/Local Fund/Local School Board Fund/ other fund sources, whichever is available, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Date	Breakfast	AM Snacks	Lunch	PM Snacks	Dinner
Day 0, November 4					/
Day 1, November 5	/	/	/	/	/
Day 2, November 6	/	/	/	/	/
Day 3, November 7	/	/	/	/	

Check-In- Day 0, November 4 @ 2 p.m.

Check-Out- Day 3, November 7 @ 12 nn

6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.



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Enclosures: as stated

References: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
 LRP Project KALINGA

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