



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

February 11, 2026

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **166** s. 2026

**CONDUCT OF CLUSTER ORIENTATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRENGTHENED SENIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL (SSHS) PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) and the Quality Assurance Division (QAD), shall conduct a Cluster Orientation and provide Technical Assistance for the implementation of the Strengthened Senior High School (SSHS) Program for School Year 2026-2027.
2. The activity aims to orient Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and Senior High School (SHS) program implementers, and to provide technical assistance in preparation for the full implementation of the SSHS Program in SY 2026-2027.
3. The orientation and technical assistance sessions shall be conducted according to the schedule indicated below:

Cluster	Divisions	Schedule	Regional Team Members
1	Catbalogan City & Samar	February 18-19, 2026	1. Dr. Gertrudes C. Mabutin 2. Dr. Ernani S. Fernandez Jr. 3. Dr. Dandy G. Acuin 4. Dr. Margie Balledo 5. Dr. Nova P. Jorge 6. Dean Ric Endriano 7. Dr. Rachel Cuevas  <i>and other CLMD and QAD personnel who are available on the date of the orientation and provision of technical assistance</i>
2	Leyte and Tacloban City	February 24, 2026	
3	Baybay City, Maasin City, & Southern Leyte	February 26, 2026	
4	Biliran & Ormoc City	February 27, 2026	
5	Borongan City & Eastern Samar	March 2-3, 2026	
6	Calbayog City & Northern Samar	TBA	

4. The Division Education Program Supervisor in charge of Senior High School shall coordinate with the cluster division and prepare for the said activity. The participants are the school heads and/or SHS coordinators from both public and private schools.

5. The implementing SHS shall bring the accomplished SSHS Preparation and Planning Tool, along with the required attachments and reports, which can be downloaded from this link: <https://tinyurl.com/SSHS-Tools-Materials>.

6. Expenses incurred by the regional personnel in relation to this activity shall be charged against the Local Funds/downloaded funds for the Strengthened Senior High School, while expenses incurred by division personnel shall be charged against their respective Division Local Funds, and those incurred by school participants shall be charged against the School MOOE, subject to the usual government accounting rules and regulations.

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

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Enclosure: As stated

Reference: As stated

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

CLUSTER ORIENTATION  
IMPLEMENTATION  
STRENGTHENED SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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