



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

February 16, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **196** s. 2026

UPDATES ON THE 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), provides updates on the Cluster Orientation and Technical Assistance for the implementation of the Strengthened Senior High School (SSHS) Program for School Year 2026-2027, including the validation of required SSHS documents.

2. The orientation and technical assistance sessions shall be conducted according to the schedule indicated below:

Cluster	Divisions	Venue and Schedule	Regional Team Members
1	Catbalogan City & Samar Host: SDO Samar	MGrand Royale Hotel and Resort, Samar, February 17-18, 2026	1. Dr. Gertrudes C. Mabutin 2. Dr. Ernani S. Fernandez Jr.
2	Leyte and Tacloban City Host: SDO Leyte	Don Simplicio V. Apostol Gym, Barugo, Leyte, February 24, 2026	3. Dr. Dandy G. Acuin 4. Dr. Margie Balledo 5. Dr. Nova P. Jorge 6. Dean Ric Endriano
3	Baybay City, Maasin City, & Southern Leyte Host: SDO Maasin City	DILG Gym, Maasin City, February 25-26, 2026	7. Dr. Rachel Cuevas 8. Dr. Marlou Camposano 9. Dr. Chito Solis 10. Dr. Gerardo Adtoon 11. Dr. Sonny Tayum 12. Dr. Jimmy Gula
4	Biliran & Ormoc City Host: SDO Ormoc City	Pongos Hotel, Ormoc City, February 27, 2026	and other CLMD and QAD personnel who are available on the date of the orientation and provision of technical assistance
5	Borongan City & Eastern Samar	Eastern Samar Provincial Gym, March 2-3, 2026	
6	Calbayog City & Northern Samar	Tentative Venue: Ciriaco Hotel March 11-12, 2026	

3. The Division Education Program Supervisor in charge of Senior High School shall designate personnel who will serve as Division Validators responsible for evaluating the required documents for the implementation of the SSHS. Meanwhile, the Regional Validation Team, composed of CLMD and QAD personnel, shall validate the documents recommended by the Division Validators. The results of the validation shall be incorporated into the issuance of the QAD related to the SSHS, which identifies schools qualified to implement Academic and/or Technical-Professional Tracks with specific electives.
4. The cluster divisions may collect a registration fee from the participants to cover meals, venue rental, materials, and other related expenses.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Enclosure: As stated

Reference: RM No. 166, s. 2026

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

CLUSTER ORIENTATION
IMPLEMENTATION
STRENGTHENED SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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Enclosure 1 of RM **196**, s. 2026

**STRENGTHENED SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST**

School ID _____ **School Name** _____
District _____ **Division** _____

Particulars	Evident	Not Evident	Remarks
A. Initial Planning based on the Teaching Complement and Learning Resources			
1. Inventory of teachers by specialization			
2. Inventory of teachers by Qualifications: Academic and/or Technical Professional Electives			
3. Final List of Electives: Academic and Technical Professional			
4. Inventory of Resources for the intended offering			
B. Pathways Guidance and Preparing the Learners' Plan of Study			
1. Narrative Report: SSHS Stakeholders, Parents and Learners Orientation			
2. Narrative Report: Conduct of Survey with Grade 10 Learners' using the Landas Toolkit			
3. Result of the Learners' Preference using the Landas Toolkit			
C. Others			
1. Narrative Report: Planning Process which includes Feedback / Concerns on the New Curriculum			
2. Complete List of Electives that will be offered for SY 2026-2027			
3. Proposed Class Program for SY 2026-2027			
4. Proposed Teachers Workload for SY 2026-2027			

Attachment 1. **List of Teachers for Core Subjects**

Name of Teacher	Core Subjects
1. 2. 3. 4.	Effective Communication / Mabisang Komunikasyon
1. 2. 3. 4.	General Mathematics
1. 2. 3. 4.	General Science
1. 2. 3. 4.	Life and Career Skills
1. 2. 3. 4.	Pag-aaral ng Kasaysayan at Lipunang Pilipino

Attachment 2. **List of teachers available to teach Academic Electives**

Name of Teacher	Cluster	Electives

Note: Add rows to complete the list

Attachment 3. **List of teachers available to teach Technical Professional Electives**
(provide here inventory of teachers with attachments of their portfolio or profile with shows their technical qualifications: NC II, TM1)

Name of Teacher	Cluster	Electives

Note: Add rows to complete the list

Attachment 4. **Indicative List of Electives: Academic and Technical Professional Track**

Elective	Cluster	Track

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Attachment 5. **Result of Learners' Preference using Landas Toolkit**

Learners' Preference (Elective)	Cluster	Track	Total Number of Learners

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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRENGTHENED SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOL (SSHS) PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
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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:

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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.

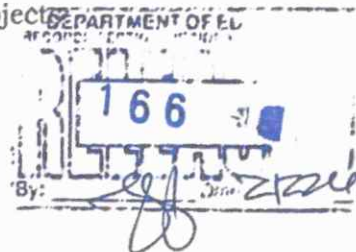
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