



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

February 16, 2026

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **198** s.2026

**PARTICIPATION IN THE ORIENTATION FOR SELECT FIELD PERSONNEL  
ON DEPED ORDER NO. 001, S. 2026: IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES  
OF THE ENHANCED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM  
(ALS) - VISAYAS CLUSTER**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Chief, CLMD, DepEd Regional Office VIII  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum DM-OULS-2026-072 dated February 10, 2026, inviting the participation of Region VIII in the **Orientation for select Field Personnel on DepEd Order No. 001, S. 2026: Implementing Guidelines of the Enhanced Alternative Learning System (ALS) - Visayas Cluster** on February 23-24, 2026, at the Acacia Hotel, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, the identified DepEd Region VIII officials and personnel, found in the enclosure, shall be at the venue as scheduled.
2. There is **no registration fee**. The participant's travel and other expenses related to this activity shall be charged against the **downloaded ALS Funds** at the respective offices, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The reimbursement of travel expenses shall only be granted upon submission of the complete requirements.
3. All other details are stipulated in the above-mentioned DepEd Memorandum.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

**RONEL AL K. FIRMO CESO IV**

Assistant Regional Director

Officer-in-Charge  
Office of the Regional Director

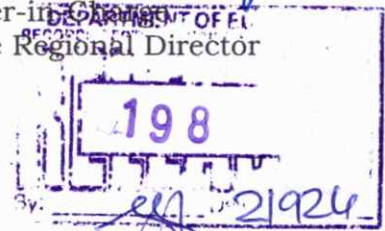
Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

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

**ALS CONFERENCES WORKSHOPS**

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Enclosure to RM **198**, s. 2026 dated February 16, 2026.

### Alotment of Participants per Office

Orientation for select Field Personnel on DepEd Order No. 001, S. 2026: Implementing Guidelines of the Enhanced Alternative Learning System (ALS) - Visayas Cluster

Date: February 23-24, 2026

Venue: Acacia Hotel, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental

OFFICE	Name of CLMD/CID Chief	Name of SDS	Name of ASDS	Name of ALS Focal	Name of EPSA	Name of ALS Teachers
Regional Office	Dr. Glendo T. Carido (Replacement of the *CLMD Chief)			Alberto A. Abe, Jr. (Replacement of the **Regional ALS Focal)		
Baybay City				Margilina C. Mendoza	Mildred C. Gofredo	April Nove C. Gorgonio
Biliran				Amer L. Santolurin	Rowena S. De Leon	Lillibeth A. Silverio
Borongan City				Elden B. Fuentes	Allan C. Arma	
Calbayog City		Dr. Margarito A. Cadayona, Jr. CESO VI		Ricky S. Cano	Leah G. Arnejo	
Catbalogan City				Grace L. Bayabay	Edna S. De Luna	
Eastern Samar				Vicente R. Antolina, Jr.	Ruel E. Balceta	
Leyte				Marie Joy A. Arias	Oliver M. Cagara	
Maasin City				Christopher F. Roa	Venancio B. Casaba	Charizz Grace P. Eucogco
Northern Samar			Dr. Rey F. Bulawan	Alex B. Rejuso	Shella Ann M. Rodriguez	
Ormoc City	Dr. Alejandro O. Almendras			Maria Cristina N. Pameniano	Sante O. Cabaña	
Samar				Faustino M. Tobes	Jude Martin R. Bardaje	Oliver V. Rebato
Southern Leyte				Betelino V. Amigo	Lloyd C. Carbonilla	Emmanuel G. Ragrag
Tacloban City				Ranulfo I. Baay	Grace C. Zanoria	
TOTAL	2	1	1	14	13	5

Note: \*Due to the CLMD Chief's scheduled participation in the Quality Basic Education Development Plan (QBEDP) activity on the same date, the CID Chief of the Schools Division of Samar is hereby designated as her duly authorized representative. The Regional Memorandum to which this document is attached shall serve as the official reference.

\*\*Due to a prior commitment to another national event, Mr. Alberto A. Abe, Jr., EPSA of Leyte Division, is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the Regional ALS Focal Person.



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**MEMORANDUM**  
**DM-OULS-2026-072**

**TO :** **CRISTITO A. ECO**  
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**RONELO AL K. FIRMO**  
OIC-Regional Director, Region VIII

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**CARMELA C. ORACION**  
Assistant Secretary  
OIC-Undersecretary for Learning Systems  
concurrent Executive Director, Education and Workforce  
Development Group Secretariat

**SUBJECT :** **ATTENDANCE TO THE ORIENTATION FOR SELECT DEPED  
FIELD PERSONNEL ON DEPED ORDER NO. 001, S. 2026:  
IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES OF THE ENHANCED  
ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS) - VISAYAS CLUSTER**

**DATE :** February 10, 2026

The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Alternative Education (BAE), will conduct the *Orientation for Select DepEd Field Personnel on DepEd Order No. 001, s. 2026: Implementing Guidelines of the Enhanced Alternative Learning System (ALS) - Visayas Cluster*, on February 23-24, 2026 at Acacia Hotel, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.

This activity aims to ensure the proper interpretation and consistent application of implementation of the provisions of the said issuance. Specifically, it shall serve as a platform to clarify roles and responsibilities of the concerned officials, and ALS Teachers, discuss key policy shifts and implementation mechanisms, and address operational concerns that may arise at the regional, division, and school/community learning center levels.

In line with this, the Regional ALS Focal Persons, through the Division ALS Focal Persons, shall identify select ALS Teachers to participate in the activity, in accordance with the attached regional allocation.



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For confirmation of attendance and administrative preparation, identified participants are requested to accomplish the **online registration form** on or before February 20, 2026 through the link/QR code below:



<https://tinyurl.com/VISAYAS-DO012026>

Participants are further advised of the following administrative arrangements:

- **Registration** on **February 23, 2026** will start at 9:00 AM, and the orientation program shall officially start at 10:20 AM;
- **Check-in** shall be on **February 23, 2026**, starting at 2:00 PM onwards, with AM snacks as the first meal;
- **Check-out** shall be on **February 24, 2026**, at 12:00 NN, with lunch as the last meal; and
- All identified participants are enjoined to read DepEd Order No. 001, s. 2026 prior to the conduct of the orientation.

Participants are likewise requested to submit their **questions and clarifications** in advance through the link provided below to facilitate a more focused and productive discussion during the activity:



<https://tinyurl.com/QUESTIONS-Visayas>

Board and lodging of participants shall be charged against the Program Support Funds (PSF) of the host region. Meanwhile, travelling expenses, airfare, per diem, and other miscellaneous expenses shall be charged against the PSF of the participants' respective regions, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Attached herewith, for your information and guidance, are the following documents:

1. Number of Expected Participants per Region (Attachment No. 1); and
2. Program Matrix (Attachment No. 2).

Should there be clarifications and/or queries, you may contact Michelle C. Mejia, Senior Education Program Specialist of BAE, via email at [michelle.mejia01@deped.gov.ph](mailto:michelle.mejia01@deped.gov.ph) with copy furnished to [bae.pqad@deped.gov.ph](mailto:bae.pqad@deped.gov.ph).

Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is directed.

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