



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

February 18, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

ESSD – 2026 – **209**

**REGIONAL PARTICIPANT TO THE BUREAU OF LEARNER SUPPORT
SERVICES (BLSS) REGIONAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION
YEAR-END REVIEW**

To: Schools Division Superintendent } Leyte
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-07-08320 from Malcolm S. Garma, Undersecretary for Governance and Operations, dated January 23, 2026, on the **Invitation to the Conduct of the BLSS Regional Program Implementation Review on February 24-26, 2026** at Baguio Teacher's Camp, Baguio City.
2. This Office identifies Lea Linda R. Taboy, Project Development Officer I of the Schools Division Office of Leyte, to be a regional participant as the Learner Rights and Protection (LRP) Focal Person from a very large SDO.
3. The board and lodging of Ms. Taboy for this activity shall be provided for by BLSS, while the travel and other incidental expenses shall be charged against their respective MOOE/Local Fund/LRPO Regional PSF subject to the usual government accounting and auditing procedures.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Assistant Regional Director
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated

References: None

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

BLSS
LRP
PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW



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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM

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FOR : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
SHD FIELD FOCAL PERSONS
LRPD FIELD FOCAL PERSONS
YFD FIELD FOCAL PERSONS
SSD FIELD FOCAL PERSONS

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA
Undersecretary  

SUBJECT : INVITATION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE BLSS REGIONAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

DATE : January 23, 2026

The Governance and Operations Strand of the Department of Education (DepEd) plays a vital role in ensuring that DepEd remains responsive and forward-looking in managing the educational environment. With this strand, the Bureau of Learner Support Services (BLSS) is tasked with developing national frameworks for learner support, as well as establishing policies and standards that promote the holistic development of students.

In line with this, the Bureau of Learner Support Services, together with its regional counterparts, will conduct the BLSS Regional Program Implementation Year-End Review on **February 24-26, 2026**, at the **Baguio Teachers Camp (BTC), Baguio City**. The BLSS Regional Program Implementation Year-End Review 2025 is a strategic activity designed to assess accomplishments, address implementation challenges, and refine initiatives aimed at strengthening learner support programs. It serves as a platform for key stakeholders at the national, regional, and local levels to evaluate Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 performance and outcomes.

This office hereby invites the following **regional focal persons** for the conduct of the Program Implementation Review:

1. Education Support Services Division (ESSD) Chief
2. Medical Officer (1)
3. Nutritionist (1)
4. Dentist (1)
5. Nurse (1)
6. Regional Youth Formation Coordinator/Regional Learner Rights Protection Coordinator
7. Learner Rights and Protection Division – PDO II (2)
8. Youth Formation Division – TA I (2)

9. School Sports Division – TA I (2)

Additional Attendees:

- **1 representative** from a selected Schools Division Office of Regions IV-A, V, VI, and VII

To confirm participation and attendance, please access this link and fill-out the necessary information: <https://tinyurl.com/BLSS-REG-PIR>

Attached herewith as Annex A is the bulletin of information, containing other pertinent information on the activity for your reference.

For further inquiries, you may contact the BLSS – Office of the Director (BLSS-OD) thru tel. no. (02) 8635-3763 or via e-mail blss.od@deped.gov.ph.

Thank you.

**BUREAU OF LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES REGIONAL YEAR-END PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW 2025**

BULLETIN OF INFORMATION

I. Background

The Government and Operations Strand of the Department of Education (DepEd) ensures the capacity of the organization to continuously improve and be strategic in managing the environment for which “teaching and learning” takes place.

Under the strand is the Bureau of Learner Support Services (BLSS) which formulates the national framework for all learner support services and issues policies and standards to guide the programs for the holistic development of learners that complement the curricular offerings. BLSS is responsible for programs that ensure the holistic development and well-being of learners, covering areas such as health and nutrition, mental wellness, learner’s rights and child protection, leadership and formation, and inclusive education. Given the dynamic nature of education policies and emerging learner needs, this year-end review is crucial in assessing performance, aligning strategic priorities to optimize resources, and fostering collaboration among the BLSS, Regional Offices (ROs) and School Division Offices (SDOs).

To ensure that the implementation of all the Bureau’s plans, programs, and activities across regions are adequately supported, the BLSS shall conduct its **Regional Year-end Program Implementation Review (PIR) on 24-26 February 2026** at the **Baguio Teachers Camp, Baguio City**.

The BLSS Regional Year-end PIR is a strategic gathering aimed at evaluating progress, addressing challenges, and refining initiatives to enhance learner support programs. The workshop serves as a platform for key stakeholders at the national, regional and local level to assess the FY 2025 accomplishments and align strategies for the remaining months of the year.

II. Objectives

1. Present the revised Theory of Change (ToC) and M&E framework ensuring alignment with regional and local-level strategies and learner-focused outcomes;
2. Assess progress of BLSS programs by reviewing key accomplishments, gaps, and challenges in relation to annual target;
3. Assess budget utilization and resource allocation to improve efficiency in program implementation, and set clear, measurable targets for the remaining months of the year;
4. Align priorities and develop responsive strategies for CY 2026 to 2027 to optimize impact and learner outcomes;
5. Develop budget estimates for 2027 based on the accomplishment review and alignment workshops.

III. Date and Venue

Date: February 24-26, 2026

Venue: Baguio Teachers Camp, Baguio City

IV. List of Participants

Office	Number of Participants
Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operation	3
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governance and Operations Strand-Education Governance	3
BLSS – Office of the Director	7
SHD Chief, Assistant Chief, program focal persons	5
SBFP Program Head, program focal persons	5
LWO Program Head, program focal persons	3
SSD Chief, Assistant Chief, program focal persons	10
YFD Chief, Assistant Chief, program focal persons	10
LRPD Program focal persons	10
RO and SDO Focal Persons of programs under: 1. Oplan sa Kalusugan (OKD) Program 2. School-Based Feeding Program 3. Physical Fitness and School Sports Program 4. Youth Formation Program 5. Learners Rights and Protection Program	220
TOTAL	276

V. Program Matrix

Prework

1. Based on each RO's Accomplishment Report, list down gaps and challenges and proposed strategies (Include budgetary, program implementation, gaps if applicable)
2. Finalized Expenditure Matrix with Budget Summary
3. Develop budget estimates for CY 2027 and CY 2028.

ROs may upload their pre-work here:

<https://tinyurl.com/Regional-PIR-Pre-work>

Day 1 - February 24, 2026		
Time	Activity	Responsible

8:00 am	12:00 nn	Arrival and registration of participants; Early Check-In	Secretariat
12:00 nn	1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 pm	1:30 pm	Preliminaries Welcoming Message	Secretariat Usec. Malcolm S. Garma, OUGOPS
1:30 am	2:00 pm	• Ice-Breaker Activity	Secretariat
2:00 pm	3:00 pm	• Identification of Strategic Priorities for the Development of the Regional Medium-Term Expenditure Plan 2027-2028	Asec. Roger B. Masapol, OASEG
3:00 pm	3:30 pm	Break	
3:30 pm	4:30 pm	• Introduction to the BLSS • Introduction to BLSS Directors	Dr. Miguel Angelo S. Mantaring, Director IV Atty. Razzel Anne T. Requesto, Director IV
4:30 pm	5:00 pm	Synthesis and Announcements	Secretariat
Day 2 - February 25, 2026			
8:30 am	9:00 am	Preliminaries Synthesis of Day 1	Secretariat
9:00 am	10:00 am	BLSS Monitoring and Evaluation • <i>Introduction to the Learner Support Framework and 3-Star Approach</i> • <i>Presentation of BLSS Existing M&E Tools and School Forms</i> • <i>Presentation of BLSS School Calendar and Implementation Plan</i>	BLSS Evaluation Team BLSS Divisions
10:00 am	10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am	12:00 nn	Policy Consultation for the	BLSS

		Department Order on Learner Support Framework • <i>Presentation of Department Order on Learner Support Framework</i> • <i>Open Forum on LSF</i>	Evaluation Team
12:00 nn	1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 pm	2:30 pm	Presentation of BLSS Policy, Legislative, Research (PLR) Agenda	BLSS Evaluation Team
2:30 pm	3:00 pm	Break	
3:00 pm	4:30 pm	Policy Consultation for BLSS Committed Policies	BLSS Divisions
4:30 pm	5:00 pm	Synthesis and Announcements	Secretariat
Day 3 - February 26, 2026			
8:30 am	9:00 am	Preliminaries Synthesis of Day 1	Secretariat
9:00 am	10:00 nn	Presentation of BLSS Medium-Term Expenditure Plan 2027-2028	Dr. Miguel Angelo S. Mantaring, Director IV BLSS Divisions, ROs and SDOs
10:00 am	10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am	12:00 nn	Workshop: Development of Regional Medium-Term Expenditure Plan 2028-2028 • <i>Resource Mobilization for 2026</i> • <i>BLSS MTEP 2027-2028</i>	BLSS Divisions, ROs and SDOs
12:00 nn	1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 pm	2:30 pm	Breakout Session: Consultation Sessions w/ Divisions on MTEP Plans	BLSS Divisions, ROs, SDOs
2:30 pm	3:00 pm	Break	
3:30 pm	4:30 pm	Presentation of MTEP Plans Synthesis of Regional PIR	BLSS Divisions, ROs, SDOs

4:30 pm	5:00 pm	Closing Remarks	Atty. Razzel Anne T. Requesto Director IV
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VI. Financial Requirements

All expenses shall be charged to the learner support program continuing funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

VII. Methodology

The sessions will be delivered using the following methods – lectures and group discussions.

VIII. Legitimization

Certificates of Attendance shall be awarded to attendees at the end of the program.



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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

ADVISORY

In light of the recent concerns raised by the regional offices regarding the memorandum on the conduct of the BLSS Regional Program Implementation Year-End Review on February 24–26, 2026, at the Baguio Teachers' Camp, this Office provides the corresponding clarifications for your guidance.

I. REGIONAL PARTICIPATION

Each region is allotted **twelve (12) participants** for the conduct of the program. Specifically, the requested and expected personnel from the Field Offices are as follows:

1. Education Support Services Division (ESSD) Chief
2. Project Development Officer IV (Regional Youth Formation Coordinator / Regional Learner Rights Protection Coordinator)
3. Medical Officer (1)
4. Dentist (1)
5. Nurse (1)
6. Nutritionist (1)
7. Learner Rights and Protection Division – PDO II (2)
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Clarifications:

- For Item No. 5, the Regional Office may designate one (1) nurse from a Schools Division Office.
- For Item No. 7, the Regional Office may send either of the following:
(a) The PDO II or Technical Assistant II under the LRP, and one (1) LRP focal person, preferably from a very large Schools Division Office or at the discretion of the Regional Office; or
(b) the TA II for Learner Rights and Protection, in cases where there is no hired or no available PDO II and one (1) LRP focal person, preferably from a very large Schools Division Office or at the discretion of the Regional Office.
- For Items No. 8 and 9, considering that most regions have only one (1) Technical Assistant assigned per division, the region may, at its discretion, designate one (1) representative from the Schools Division Office who is handling the same or related functions.

Please note that **only personnel under the BLSS at the regional and division level shall be designated as official representatives to the activity.** Additionally, We are also highly encouraging the regions to kindly finalize and confirm their participants by accomplishing the **registration form on or before February 16, 2026** for logistical purposes. You may access the form here: <https://tinyurl.com/BLSS-REG-PIR>.

II. TRAVEL EXPENSES

To cover the travel expenses of the participants, the Bureau of Learner Support Services shall allocate and download the necessary funds to the respective regions, which will be used to reimburse the participants in accordance with applicable policies and guidelines.

Please be reminded that, as instructed by the Office of the Secretary, the activity is strictly limited to three full days. Participants from the regions who may require extended travel time and are expected to arrive home on February 27 are advised to coordinate and seek approval with their respective Regional Directors. The approval of additional travel time shall be at the discretion of the Regional Directors, and any corresponding expenses shall be charged against the region's local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

III. VENUE

The BLSS Regional Program Implementation Year-End Review will be held at the Baguio Teachers' Camp, specifically at the **Benitez Hall**. Participants may check in as early as 7:00 AM upon arrival and are requested to accomplish the attendance form before proceeding to the main hall for breakfast. The entire morning of the first day will be allotted for arrival, registration, and settling into assigned quarters. Further instructions regarding room assignments and key distribution will be provided once the final list of participants has been completed.

IV. COMPLETION OF PREWORK

This is to clarify that the completion of the prework is only intended for the reference of regions in preparation for the scheduled workshop as indicated in the updated program. Further, all ROs are being kindly reminded to upload their accomplished pre-work in the provided link herein: <https://tinyurl.com/Regional-PIR-Pre-work>.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

The program will officially commence at 1:00 PM on February 24 and is expected to conclude in the afternoon of February 26. In consideration of the travel time of participants coming from various parts of the country, as well as their return travel on the last day, minor adjustments to the schedule may be made to ensure full participation, the smooth conduct of sessions, and the opportunity for participants to depart at an earlier time.

ATTIRE

Participants are requested to wear semi-formal or casual attire during the conduct of the activity. Sleeveless shirts and shorts are not permitted. In addition, participants are encouraged to bring sweaters or jackets in consideration of the relatively cold weather in Baguio City.

BOARD AND LODGING

The Baguio Teachers Camp has the following rooming facilities to be occupied by the participants:

- a. Hernandez Hall (has a total capacity of 100 persons)
- b. Superintendent Quarters Annex
- c. Superintendent Quarters Main

A copy of the rooming list as well as room keys shall also be provided to the participants upon arrival and registration. Please see the BTC Map on the next page for general guidance.

MEAL PLAN

For the three-day event, meals will be provided from breakfast to dinner, with snacks served in between. The organizers have carefully considered and tried to accommodate participants' dietary restrictions based on the information kindly provided through the registration forms submitted by the regions.

Feb 24, 2026	Breakfast, Morning Snacks, Lunch, Afternoon Snacks, Dinner
Feb 25, 2026	Breakfast, Morning Snacks, Lunch, Afternoon Snacks, Dinner
Feb 26, 2026	Breakfast, Morning Snacks, Lunch, Afternoon Snacks, Dinner (packed)

PARKING SPACE

Parking slots are available on a first-come, first served basis. Several parking spaces are available at the venue, as indicated in the map below.

Map of the Baguio Teachers Camp Facilities



DR. MIGUEL ANGELO S. MANTARING
Director IV

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9:00 am	11:30 am	Presentation of Regional MTEP 2027-2028	BLSS ROs and SDOs
11:30 am	12:00 nn	Synthesis of Regional PIR Closing Remarks	Atty. Razzel Anne Requesto Director IV
12:00 nn		• Lunch and End of Program	