



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
BUREAU OF LEARNING RESOURCES

Office of the Director

MEMORANDUM
BLR-2026-03-0384

FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

ATTENTION : **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION DIVISION CHIEFS
LEARNING RESOURCE SUPERVISORS
LIBRARIANS**

FROM : **ATTY. SUZETTE T. GANNABAN-MEDINA** MAR 17 2026
Director IV

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON LIBRARY COLLABORATION
WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS WITH REFERENCE TO DEPED
ORDER NO. 56, 2011 OR THE STANDARDS FOR PHILIPPINE
LIBRARIES**

DATE : **March 17, 2026**

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For more information and inquiries, please contact the **Bureau of Learning Resources-Office of the Director** through e-mail address blr.od@deped.gov.ph at telephone numbers (02) 8634-1072

For consideration and appropriate action.

Attached: As stated

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BRIEFER

I. Purpose

This brief seeks the approval of the Director of the Bureau of Learning Resources (BLR) for the release of a Memorandum Order requesting librarians in the DepEd Field Offices—Regional Offices (ROs), Schools Division Offices (SDOs), Library Hubs, and Schools—to participate in a data-gathering activity relative to the implementation of **DepEd Order (DO) No. 56, s. 2011, Standards for Philippine Libraries, Standard IX: Linkages and Networking** Please see attached copy of the order).

II. Background and Rationale

DepEd Order No. 56, s. 2011 provides the standards for the operation and management of library hubs and school libraries. Standard IX emphasizes the importance of establishing linkages and networking with stakeholders, institutions, and partner organizations to strengthen library services and learning resource delivery.

At present, there is a need to establish a comprehensive and updated inventory of how Standard IX is being implemented across the DepEd system. Existing data are limited and fragmented, making it challenging to assess current practices, identify gaps, and design responsive capacity-building interventions for librarians.

III. Coverage of the Data Gathering

The proposed Memorandum Order shall request participation from the following:

- Librarians in DepEd Regional Offices
- Librarians in Schools Division Offices
- Library Hub Librarians
- School Librarians (public elementary and secondary schools)

IV. Intended Use of the Data

The data to be gathered shall serve the following purposes:

1. **Inventory and Assessment**
 - Establish a baseline inventory of existing linkages and networking initiatives implemented under Standard IX of DO 56, s. 2011.
 - Identify good practices, gaps, and common challenges encountered by librarians in the field.
2. **Reference for Program Development**
 - Serve as a primary reference for the **finalization of the seminar presentation** on linkages and networking for librarians.
 - Inform the **design and possible conduct of a focused workshop** for seminar participants, ensuring that activities are aligned with actual field needs and contexts.
3. **Policy and Planning Support**

- o Provide evidence-based inputs for future policy enhancement, technical assistance, and program planning related to library partnerships and stakeholder engagement.

V. Expected Output

- Consolidated national inventory report on the implementation of Standard IX (Linkages and Networking)
- Refined seminar presentation grounded on field data
- Conceptual basis for a hands-on workshop on developing and sustaining library linkages

VI. Requested Action

In view of the foregoing, approval is respectfully requested for the **release of a Memorandum Order** requesting the concerned librarians in the DepEd Field Offices to participate in the data-gathering activity on the implementation of DO 56, s. 2011, Standard IX.

Approval of this request will support evidence-based planning and strengthen the capacity of librarians to establish meaningful and sustainable partnerships in support of teaching and learning.

Survey on DepEd Order No. 56, s. 2011 – Standard IX. Linkages and Networking)

Survey Confidentiality and Data Privacy Statement

This survey is being conducted for legitimate research and/or program development purposes. All information collected through this survey will be treated with **strict confidentiality** and in accordance with the **Data Privacy Act of 2012 (Republic Act No. 10173)** and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. The data you provide will be collected only for the stated purpose of the survey, used solely for analysis, planning, reporting, and/or evaluation, processed in **aggregate form**, ensuring that individual responses cannot be identified, and stored securely and accessed only by authorized personnel. No personally identifiable information will be disclosed, shared, or published without your consent. By proceeding with this survey, you acknowledge that you have been informed of the purpose of the data collection and consent to the processing of your responses in accordance with applicable data privacy laws.

Part I. Respondent Profile

1. Name: Family, First, MI
2. Place of Assignment (Office Address):

 Region Office: _____ SDO: _____ Library Hub: _____
 School: _____
3. Plantilla Item: Librarian II Librarian I School Librarian I School Librarian II
 School Librarian III
4. Years of Experience as DepEd Librarian:
 Less than 1 year 1–3 years 4–7 years 8 years and above

Direction: Please indicate your level of agreement using the scale below:
 1 – Strongly Disagree (SD) | 2 – Disagree (D) | 3 – Neutral (N) | 4 – Agree (A) | 5 – Strongly Agree (SA)

Part II. Awareness and understanding	SD	D	N	A	SA
	1	2	3	4	5
1. I am aware of DepEd Order No. 56, s. 2011 and its provisions on school library standards.					
2. I am familiar with DepEd Order No. 56, s. 2011, Standard IX: Linkages and Networking					
3. I understand the intent of Standard IX in promoting partnerships with internal and external stakeholders.					
4. I am aware that linkages and networking are part of improving library services and learning support.					

5. I have been oriented or trained on implementing Standard IX in my school or office					

Part III. Inventory of Collaboration Efforts

6. Should you have planned, established collaboration, partnerships, linkages, and networking from either year 2016 up to present, please submit using the prescribed excel template using this filename convention:

LRMS Office/Library Hub/School Library_Region_SDO_Surname

Item Nos.	Year of Formulation	Year of Implementation	Name of Partner Institution	Category: LGU/ Public Libraries, Other Schools / DepEd Office, Private School (Elementary/ High School, HEI, NGO/ Foundation, other Private Sector	Title/Description of the Activity/Program	Objectives	Your Office's Contribution	Partner Contribution
1.								
2.								
3.								
4.								
5.								

Part IV. Needs Assessment and Conceptualization

	SD	D	N	A	SA
	1	2	3	4	5
7. I have identified specific needs that can be addressed through linkages and networking.					
8. I conduct consultations with immediate supervisor, colleague, or stakeholders when planning partnerships.					
9. The objectives of proposed linkages are aligned with the office's development plan.					
10. Potential partners (e.g., LGUs, public libraries, NGOs or Private institutions, HEIs, Private Elementary/High Schools) are identified systematically.					

11. There is clear guidance from the school admin, SDO/Region/Central Office on conceptualizing partnerships.					
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Direction: Rank the following potential partners for collaboration, one (1) being the most potential and five (5) as the least.

12. Which stakeholders do you consider for engaging linkages?	
LGU / Public Libraries	
Other Public School / DepEd Office	
Private School (Elementary/High School)	
NGOs or Private Institutions	
Higher Education Institutions	

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Part V. Implementation of Linkages and Networking	SD	D	N	A	SA
	1	2	3	4	5
13. We have established actual partnerships or linkages with at least one external stakeholder.					
14. Roles and responsibilities of partners are clearly defined during implementation.					
15. Linkages support access to learning resources, literacy programs, or capacity-building activities.					
16. The office (LRMS, School) actively supports the implementation of library-related partnerships.					
17. Memoranda of Agreement (MOA), MOUs, or written agreements are used when applicable.					
Open-ended (Optional):					
18. Please briefly describe one successful linkage or networking initiative implemented in your school or office:					

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Part VI. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)	SD	D	N	A	SA
	1	2	3	4	5
19. The results of library linkages and networking activities are monitored on regular basis.					
20. Indicators or measures are used to assess the effectiveness of partnerships (e.g., usage, participation, outputs).					
21. Feedback from stakeholders and users is collected to improve future linkages.					
22. Reports on linkages and networking are submitted to the SDO or relevant office when required.					
23. Insights gained from implemented partnerships inform future planning and decision-making.					

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24. Direction: Rank the main challenges in implementing Standard IX.	Rank No.
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26. What forms of support would help strengthen library linkages and networking?	1	2	3	4	5
Policy guidelines					
Capacity-building or training					
Dedicated funding					
Technical assistance from either SDO/Region/ Central Office					
Monitoring tools and indicators					