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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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VIRTUAL MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (NFOT) CUM ON-SITE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND GIVING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) TO THE 2026 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (NFOT) QUALIFIERS

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education Regional Office VIII, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), enjoins the Schools Division Offices (SDOs) with winning events to attend the **Virtual Meeting in Preparation for the 2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT)** on **March 12, 2026** at **9:00 AM** via Google Meet at **<https://tinyurl.com/2026NFOTPrepVirtualMeeting>**. The meeting shall result in the formulation of agreements, decisions, and operational guidelines that will serve as the official bases for the conduct of the **On-site Performance Assessment and the provision of Technical Assistance (TA) for the 2026 NFOT Qualifiers**. These activities shall be undertaken with the support of the Regional Festival of Talents contest focal persons and shall be scheduled on mutually agreed dates by the concerned Regional and Division Education Program Supervisors.

2. The activity aims to:

- a. ensure a unified understanding among participating Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and Regional Festival of Talents focal persons on their respective roles, responsibilities, and implementation protocols for the upcoming on-site coaching and assessment activities;
- b. provide a platform for clarifying concerns, aligning expectations, and addressing operational issues related to the smooth, coordinated, and timely conduct of all NFOT-related preparatory activities;
- c. assess the readiness and performance level of NFOT qualifiers through direct observation and evaluation of their skills, outputs, and adherence to the prescribed national criteria, standards, and guidelines;
- d. provide focused, individualized technical assistance addressing identified gaps, performance issues, and areas needing improvement to ensure that participants demonstrate enhanced competence and competitiveness for the national event; and



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- e. foster a supportive and collaborative environment that promotes mutual respect, teamwork, and positive engagement among qualifiers, mentors, and coaches throughout the coaching and assessment process.
2. The participants of the Virtual Meeting shall include the CLMD Chief, the Regional Education Program Supervisors in charge of each contest, the CID Chiefs, and the designated division contest focal persons from the winning Schools Division Offices.
3. The concerned Schools Division Offices shall prepare the venue and the necessary materials to be used in the conduct of the activity.
4. Travelling expenses, meals and snacks of the participants are chargeable to local funds/MOOE or other eligible source of funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum are desired.

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Enclosure: None

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