



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

April 27, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **508** s. 2026

OPLAN BALIK ESKWELA INTERAGENCY CONVERGENCE AND PRESS CONFERENCE

To: Director III
 Regional Office Chiefs and ORD Unit Heads
 Schools Division Superintendents
 All Others Concerned

1. In line with the preparation for the opening of classes, this Office shall conduct the **Oplan Balik Eskwela (OBE) Interagency Convergence and Press Conference** on **June 4, 2026, 8:30 a.m.** The venue shall be announced in a separate memorandum.
2. The objective of the activity is to update the public on the preparations of the Department of Education (DepEd) for the smooth opening of classes and provide guidance on how the delivery of basic education shall be managed. The activity shall also involve other government agencies to ensure collaboration in the opening of classes and implementation of the DepEd's Programs and Projects.
3. The participants of this activity are the following:

Regional Office	1 Regional Director
	1 Assistant Regional Director
	8 Regional Office Chiefs
	3 ORD Unit Heads
	1 Planning Officer
	1 PDO IV (ESSD)
	1 Medical Officer IV
	2 PAU Staff
	2 ORD Staff
Schools Division Office	13 Schools Division Superintendent 13 Drivers
Media Representatives	15 Reporters and Media Staff
Government Agencies	20 Government Agency Representatives (DOH, LTO, DSWD, LEYECO II, DICT, NEDA, DILG, PIA, PNA, DTI, LMWD, BFP, AFP, PNP, DPWH, PSA, OCD, and others)

4. The expenses for morning snacks and lunch for the participants and the venue rental shall be charged to PAU Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

5. Further, this Office shall set up the Oplan Balik Eskwela Public Assistance Command Center from **June 1 to June 12, 2026**, to ensure prompt response to issues, queries, and concerns of the public relative to school opening and enrollment.

The Schools Division Offices, District Officers, and schools are also required to set up their OBE-PACC to directly address local issues, concerns, and queries relative to school opening and enrollment. The list of OBE-PACC composition with their contact details shall be submitted to pau.region8@deped.gov.ph on or before May 4, 2026.

6. The following is the composition of the Regional OBE-PACC:

Chair	SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III
	Regional Director
Co-Chair	MARILYN B. SIAO PhD, CESO IV
	Assistant Regional Director
Vice-Chair	JASMIN F. CALZITA
	Regional Information Officer
Members	Atty. ELEANOR C. CALUMPIANO
	Legal Officer IV (Legal Unit)
	JIM ALBERT A. LAGADO
	Regional ITO (ICT Unit)
	FLORAMAY Q. BACUS
	Project Development Officer II (PAU)
	HYDELYN N. CINCO
	Regional Planning Officer
	HANNAH ROSE M. CUADERNO
PDO II (ESSD-LRP)	
All Regional Office Functional Division Chiefs	

7. Further, all concerns relative to the Oplan Balik Eskwela shall be coursed through Ms. Jasmin Calzita of the Public Affairs Unit through pau.region8@deped.gov.ph or 09085813548.

8. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

for:

SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III
 Regional Director

Enclosures: None

References: None

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

OBE

INTERAGENCY

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