



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

July 10, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2026- **864**

CONDUCT OF CARING FOR THE CARERS SESSION

To: Schools Division Superintendent} Tacloban City
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a communication from the Office of the Director, Bureau of Learner Support Services-Learner Wellness Office (BLSS-LWO), dated June 30, 2026, informing this Regional Office of the conduct of the **Caring for the Carers Session** for the Psychological First Aid (PFA) providers who rendered psychosocial support services to the victims, responders, and the affected school community of San Jose National High School, Tacloban City. The activity shall be conducted on **July 21-23, 2026**, and aims to promote the psychosocial well-being, resilience, and emotional recovery of PFA providers through structured debriefing, self-care interventions, and peer support.

2. In view thereof, the Schools Division Office of Tacloban City is hereby requested to extend the necessary administrative and logistical support for the conduct of the Caring for the Carers Session by undertaking the following:

a. Facilitate the necessary logistical arrangements, including the identification and preparation of a suitable venue for the conduct of the Caring for the Carers Session, provision of meals and refreshments for the participants, and availability of transportation for the airport pick-up and drop-off of the Bureau of Learner Support Services-Learner Wellness Office (BLSS-LWO) facilitators and resource persons; and

b. Coordinate and facilitate the arrangement of appropriate board and lodging accommodations for the BLSS-LWO facilitators and resource persons throughout the duration of the activity.

3. Any query relative to this activity shall be addressed to the Regional Focal Person, Eden A. Dadap at 0920-9017954.

4. Expenses incurred in the conduct of this activity shall be charged to the Tacloban City Division MOOE/Local Fund/SEF/PSF, or any fund source, whichever is available, subject to the usual rules on accounting and auditing procedures.

5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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

Enclosures: as stated
References: as stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
BLSS CARING FOR THE CARERS
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SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ, CESO III

Regional Director
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Dear **Director Jimenez**:

Greetings!

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the **Bureau of Learner Support Services – Learner Wellness Office (BLSS-LWO)**, extends its heartfelt concern and solidarity to all affected learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, and their families in light of the recent shooting incident in San Jose National High School. During this difficult time, this Office reaffirms its commitment to promoting and protecting the health, safety, and well-being of all learners through the continuous implementation and strengthening of the School-Based Mental Health Program (SMHP).

Consistent with DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026, Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment, it underscores the importance of providing mental health and psychosocial support to learners and school personnel, especially after incidents related to learner rights protection, as part of ensuring both learning continuity and learner wellbeing.

This Office **commends and expresses its sincere appreciation for the dedication and commitment** of all personnel, particularly **guidance counselors, school health personnel, and trained MHPSS providers**, for their prompt and unwavering response to the mental health and psychosocial needs of learners and personnel during this time of crisis.

In line with this, the Bureau of Learner Support Services – Learner Wellness Office (BLSS-LWO) shall conduct a **"Caring for Carers" session on July 21-23, 2026** for DepEd personnel, particularly guidance counselors, school health personnel, and other personnel providing MHPSS services. The session aims to support the well-being of responders by promoting self-care and resilience, thereby enabling them to continue providing effective support to learners and school communities affected by the shooting incident.

In this regard, this Office respectfully requests the following:



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1. Assistance with the logistical arrangements, such as venue for the "Caring for Carers" session, including the provision of meals for the participants; and
2. Assistance in the arrangement board and lodging for the BLSS-LWO facilitators/resource persons who will conduct the "Caring for Carers" session.

Your favorable consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

For technical assistance, inquiries, or further clarifications, please contact the Bureau of Learner Support Services-Learner Wellness Office (BLSS-LWO) through email at blss.lwd@deped.gov.ph.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the well-being of our learners and personnel.

Very truly yours,


DR. MIGUEL ANGELO S. MANTARING
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