



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

September 16, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

ESSD-2026- **462**

REGION VIII PARTICIPANTS TO THE PISA 2025 NATIONAL CONVERSATIONS SERIES

To: Chiefs of CLMD and ESSD
All Others Concerned

1. In consonance to the attached unnumbered Memorandum OM-OULS-2026, titled "Invitation to Participate in the PISA 2025 National Conversation Series," this Office, identifies the following Region VIII participants to the said series of activity at the 20th Floor, Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Techzone Building, Makati City.

Name	Schedule	Division
Emmanuel Firmo	September 17, 2026	CLMD
Kristel Cotejar	September 24, 2026	ESSD
Ryan R. Tiu	October 1, 2026	ESSD
Eden Dadap	October 8, 2026	ESSD

2. The travel and other incidental expenses shall be charged against the downloaded funds by the Bureau of Education Assessment and local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

3. 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:

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MEMORANDUM
OM-OULS-2026-

FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
CURRICULUM AND LEARNING MANAGEMENT
DIVISION CHIEFS
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION CHIEFS

FROM : **JEROME T. BUENVIAJE**
Assistant Secretary *for DepEd*
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PISA 2025**
NATIONAL CONVERSATIONS SERIES

DATE : September 12, 2026

We are pleased to invite you to the **PISA 2025 National Conversations Series** to sustain the dialogue on the PISA 2025 findings. The series of conversations will be conducted **every Thursday starting 17 September to 8 October 2026**, from **9:00 AM to 12:00 NN** at the **20th Floor, Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Techzone Building, Makati City**.

The conversations will provide a continuing platform for reflection and dialogue on the key findings from PISA 2025 and their implications for Philippine basic education. These sessions will provide opportunities to identify relevant programs and initiatives, share insights and good practices, and explore areas for collaboration and institutional support to address identified learning needs and strengthen learner outcomes.

I. Topic schedule

The schedule and thematic focus of each conversation are as follows:

1. September 17, 2026: On doing better at science

This conversation will provide a deep dive into the Philippines' performance in science as the focus domain of PISA 2025. It will examine students' performance at the national and subnational levels, including variations across regions and other relevant groups, as well as performance across the different science subscales. This will provide an opportunity to discuss how to further strengthen and improve Science education in the country.



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2. September 24, 2026: On supporting learning environment

This conversation will explore the learning environments that shape students' experiences and opportunities to learn, both at home and in school. It will look at the support students receive from families, parents, teachers, and schools, as well as the conditions that contribute to safe, inclusive, and positive learning experiences. Discussions will examine trends in bullying, school safety, sense of belonging, classroom disciplinary climate, teacher support, family support, and parental involvement, and consider how these factors are associated with student well-being and learning outcomes.

3. October 1, 2026: On shaping our students' beliefs, behaviors, attitudes, and future plans

This conversation will explore how students' beliefs, behaviors, and approaches to learning shape their engagement, responses to challenges, and academic performance. It covers students' drive to learn, agency and adaptability, and attitudes toward school. The discussion will also examine students' expectations and aspirations beyond senior high school and the role of schools and career guidance in helping learners prepare for their future pathways.

4. October 8, 2026: On making the right investments in education

This conversation will examine the resources that enable schools and students to learn and succeed, including financial, material and digital, human, and time-related resources. It includes disparities in access to and distribution of these resources across schools and student groups, as well as their relationship with learning outcomes.

II. Participants

Representatives from the **Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD)** are requested to participate in the 17 September 2026 conversation, while representatives from the **Education Support Services Division (ESSD)** are requested to participate in the conversations from 24 September to 8 October 2026.

Travel and other incidental expenses shall be charged against the downloaded funds by the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA) to the Regional Offices and shall be reimbursed upon submission of complete travel documents, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

III. Registration

We kindly request that your nominated representative/s complete the appropriate registration form on or before **15 September 2026**: Should we have any changes in schedule or workshop venue due to work cancellations or sudden unavailability of



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the assigned venues, we will inform the designated representatives through the number or email address provided in the registration forms.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Bureau of Education Assessment – Education Research Division via email at bea.erd@deped.gov.ph or (02) 8631-2591.



<https://tinyurl.com/PISA2025Conversations2>



<https://tinyurl.com/PISA2025Conversations3>



<https://tinyurl.com/PISA2025Conversations4>



<https://tinyurl.com/PISA2025Conversations5>

Thank you, and we look forward to your participation.