



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

September 09, 2026

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **1189** s. 2026

**NEW SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE WORK IMMERSION  
FAIR FOR PILOT IMPLEMENTERS OF THE STRENGTHENED  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (SSHS) PROGRAM**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the Memorandum from the Office of the Undersecretary and Chief of Staff, Atty. Fatima Lipp D. Panontongan, dated September 4, 2026, re: "Updated Guidelines and Schedule for the 2026 National and Localized Work Immersion Fairs," this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), hereby provides the new schedule for the conduct of the Work Immersion Fair for pilot implementers of the Strengthened Senior High School (SSHS) Program:

| Date                  | Activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September 14-16, 2026 | - Final preparation of the host school, Hilongos National Vocational School, through the Schools Division of Leyte, in coordination with the Program Management Team/Technical Working Group (PMT/TWG) and the Division Education Program Supervisors (EPSs) for Work Immersion. |
| September 17, 2026    | - Installation and Setup of Industry Booths and Exhibit Displays<br>- Pre-Work Immersion Fair Activities and Orientation<br>- Welcome Night and Fellowship Dinner hosted by Hon. Manuel R. Villahermosa, Municipal Mayor of LGU Hilongos, Leyte                                  |
| September 18, 2026    | - Conduct of the Work Immersion Fair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

2. All other provisions of the previously issued memorandum that are not affected by this update shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

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

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Regional Director

Enclosure: As stated

References: RM No. 519, s. 2026, RM No. 561, s. 2026, RM No. 1103, s. 2026

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

STRENGTHENED SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
TECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL  
WORK IMMERSION FAIR

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **Regional Directors**  
**Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM**  
**Schools Division Superintendents**  
**Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads**  
**All Others Concerned**

FROM : **ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**  
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff  
Office of the Secretary

SUBJECT : **Updated Guidelines and Schedule for the 2026 National and Localized Work Immersion Fairs**

DATE : **September 4, 2026**

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Relative to the upcoming **2026 National Work Immersion Fair**, with the theme, Bridging Aspirations and Opportunity: Strengthening Industry-School Partnership, please be advised of the definitive schedule and operational guidelines for both the national launch and the localized rollouts.

The **National Launch** of the 2026 National Work Immersion Fair will proceed as scheduled on **September 11, 2026**, at **SMX Olongapo City Convention Center**, hosted by Tapinac Senior High School, in coordination with the Schools Division Office of Olongapo City, Department of Education-Region III, and the Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD).

The Department extends its highest commendation to all regional offices and schools division offices for their proactive preparations and high state of readiness for the localized rollouts. To further capitalize on this readiness and maximize industry engagement, the conduct of all **Localized Work Immersion Fairs across all other regions will be moved to September 18, 2026**, in direct alignment with the nationwide observance of Department of Trade and Industry Week from September 14 to 20, 2026.

This strategic synchronization ensures that localized activities leverage nationwide trade and industry partnerships, bringing substantial opportunities to host schools and learners. All field offices are instructed to maintain their current technical preparations, partner pledges, and coordination structures in anticipation of the September 18 nationwide localized launch.

Central Office (CO) officials and Technical Working Group (TWG) members assigned to Region III shall proceed with their deployment for the September 11 National

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Launch in Olongapo City, while TWG teams assigned to all other regions shall undertake their deployment on September 18, 2026. The updated Matrix of CO Representatives and the Program of Activities for both events are attached as **Annex A**.

For inquiries and further coordination, please contact **Ms. Maricel Cariño**, Supervising Education Program Specialist, Bureau of Curriculum Development, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, through email at [maricel.carino24@deped.gov.ph](mailto:maricel.carino24@deped.gov.ph).

Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.

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## ANNEX A

### I. Matrix of Central Office Representatives and Technical Working Group

| Bureau/Office                                                  | No. of Pax | Regions                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                |            | National Launch (Sept 11)<br>Regional Rollouts (Sept 18) |
| <b>Bureau of Curriculum Development</b>                        | 12         | NIR, VI, VII, VIII, XI, CARAGA, BARMM                    |
| <b>Bureau of Learning Delivery (TechPro)</b>                   | 5          | CAR, CALABARZON, VI, X, XII                              |
| <b>National Educators Academy of the Philippines (TechPro)</b> | 4          | NCR, VII, IX                                             |
| <b>External Partnerships Service</b>                           | 6          | NCR, II, MIMAROPA, VIII, XI                              |
| <b>Education Center for AI Research</b>                        | 4          | I, VIII, XI                                              |
| <b>Public Affairs Service</b>                                  | 5          | VIII, NIR, XI, CARAGA                                    |

To ensure the successful conduct of the Work Immersion Fair, the following offices shall undertake the following responsibilities:

#### 1. Public Affairs Service

- Manage media coverage before, during, and after the activity.
- Prepare and disseminate press releases, feature stories, and other communication materials.
- Design event publicity and promotional materials.
- Coordinate documentation activities, including photography and videography.
- Provide technical support to ECAIR for the Unveiling of the Work Immersion Dashboard.

#### 2. External Partnerships Service

- Extend technical assistance and support related to the Adopt-A-School Program and industry engagement initiatives.
- Coordinate with private-sector partners, industry stakeholders, and participating organizations.
- Facilitate partnership-building activities and networking opportunities during the event.
- Assist in identifying and encouraging potential Work Immersion partners.

#### 3. Education Center for AI Research

- Manage the updating and monitoring of the Work Immersion Portal and Dashboard.
- Ensure the functionality of digital platforms and online engagement tools utilized during the event.
- Assist in the collection and consolidation of event analytics and digital participation data.

#### **4. Bureau of Learning Delivery (TechPro) Specialists**

- Serve as the co-lead office of the BCD in overseeing the event.
- Provide assistance to the Host Schools related to the Work Immersion implementation.
- Coordinate with Regional and School Division Offices regarding participation and event requirements.
- Oversee the preparation of the program, activity flow, and technical sessions.

#### **5. National Educators Academy of the Philippines**

- Serve as co-lead and official representative in the conduct of the Work Immersion Fair.
- Support documentation of best practices and knowledge-sharing initiatives arising from the event.

## **II. Program of Activities**

*(Applicable to the National Launch on September 11, 2026 in Olongapo City and the Synchronized Regional Rollouts on September 18, 2026 across all other regions)*

| <b>Time</b>          | <b>Activity</b>                                                                                                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7:00–8:00 a.m.       | Arrival and Registration of Participants                                                                                     |
| 8:00–8:30 a.m.       | Opening Ceremonies<br>Nationalistic Song<br>Invocation<br>Bagong Pilipinas Hymn<br>Acknowledgment of Guests and Participants |
| 8:31–8:40 a.m.       | Welcome Message<br>Regional Director                                                                                         |
| 8:40–9:00 a.m.       | Video Presentations<br>Work Immersion Policy<br>PCORP Presentation<br>Voice of the Graduates                                 |
| 9:00–9:30 a.m.       | Message of the President/Secretary                                                                                           |
| 9:30–9:45 a.m.       | Unveiling of the Work Immersion Dashboard                                                                                    |
| 9:45–10:00 a.m.      | Photo Opportunity<br>Message of Thanks                                                                                       |
| 10:00 a.m.           | Opening of Industry Booths and Matching Session                                                                              |
| 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Industry Booth Exhibition<br>School-Industry Matching Sessions                                                               |
| 3:00 p.m.            | Closing Program                                                                                                              |