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1. Pursuant to the Unnumbered Memorandum from the Office of the Undersecretary and Chief of Staff titled **“Nominations for the Recognition of Exemplary Teachers in Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd)”**, this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) hereby requests all IPEd implementing Schools Division Offices (SDOs) to nominate **one (1) teacher** for consideration in the regional screening and selection process.
2. Following the regional evaluation, the **top two (2) most qualified nominees** shall be endorsed to the Central Office for national-level consideration on September 21, 2026.
3. The SDO IPEd Focal Person, or an authorized representative, shall submit the complete documentary requirements in a single folder through email on or before **September 18, 2026**. All documents shall be sent to **clmd.region8@deped.gov.ph**  
**cc: margie.balledo@deped.gov.ph**.
4. The selection process shall be led by the Chief Education Supervisor of the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), the Regional IPEd Focal Person and a representative from the Human Resource Development Division (HRDD). As part of the validation process, online interviews, document verification, and other appropriate validation activities may be conducted.
5. Documentary requirements shall be organized according to the corresponding nomination criteria (Items 1 to 7) as specified in the enclosed guidelines. The Central Office may require additional supporting documents from shortlisted nominees through a subsequent issuance.



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



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Enclosure: As Stated,  
References: As Stated,

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

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**ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**  
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

**SUBJECT : NOMINATIONS FOR THE RECOGNITION OF EXEMPLARY TEACHERS IN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EDUCATION**

**DATE :** September 10, 2026

SY 2026-2027 marks the tenth year of school level implementation of the Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd) Program in the Department of Education. To recognize the commitment of all teachers who have contributed to the pioneering decade of IPEd implementation in the country's public schools, DepEd shall recognize ten (10) teachers during the celebration of World's Teachers Day and the culmination of National Teachers Month on October 5, 2026. These teachers exemplify the character needed in the IPEd advocacy- inclusive, deeply respectful of cultures, an advocate of equity in education, and innovative in promoting Indigenous Peoples Education.

In this regard, Regional Offices are requested to initiate the identification process and nominate two (2) teachers who meet the criteria specified in the attached enclosure by September 21, 2026. Further details and the nomination forms shall be provided in a subsequent issuance.



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Travel, board and lodging, and other incidental expenses relative to the participation in this activity shall be charged against Central Office funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For any inquiries or clarifications, please contact Vel Christian Castillo, Technical Assistant, BLD-IPsEO, through email at [ipseo@deped.gov.ph](mailto:ipseo@deped.gov.ph) or mobile and Viber number 09778421007.

For your information and guidance.

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**Criteria for nominations**

1. Is a permanent teacher involved in the implementation of the Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd) Program at the school level for at least 8 years between SY 2017-2018 and SY 2026-2027 in IPEd implementing schools, including the current school year (number of years may or may not be consecutive years and assignments may be in different IPEd implementing schools);
2. Has been assigned to IPEd implementing school or schools in communities with socio-economic and geographical challenges for at least a total of four years;
3. Has not been given any recognition or award related to IPEd or any other award or recognition at the division, regional, national OR international level by any organization including DepEd;
4. Has demonstrated effective delivery of contextualized learning experiences;
5. Has been involved in the development of contextualized learning resources at the school and division levels;
6. Has served as a resource person and/or facilitator in workshops and/or trainings on IPEd at the school, division, regional OR national level;
7. Has initiated activities involving IP community culture bearers and/or Indigenous knowledge holders towards supporting IPEd in any of the following:
  - a. contextualizing lessons and learning resources
  - b. conceptualizing learning experiences using indigenous learning and teaching strategies
  - c. serving as resource persons or co-teachers in one's classes
  - d. planning for IPEd activities and initiatives



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