



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

September 18, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **1223** s. 2026

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE CAPACITY BUILDING ON BRAILLE LITERACY
AND INSTRUCTIONAL ACCESS FOR LEARNERS
WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Division SNED Supervisors
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is DM-OULS-2026-396 from the Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems announcing the conduct of the **Capacity Building on Braille Literacy and Instructional Access for Learners with Visual Impairments** on **September 20, 2026 via Google Meet and September 26-27, 2026 (Saturday and Sunday)**, at the **DepEd Ecotech Center** in **Cebu City**.

2. Pursuant to **DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026** on the protection of instructional time and considering that the training is conducted on a weekend, this Office shall send the following supervisors, school heads, and teachers as participants in the activity:

NAME	POSITION/DESIGNATION	DIVISION
Maria Merlena S. Galeos	Assistant Principal	Baybay City
Gabriel Vinegas	Principal III	Biliran
Ian Roy C. Gerna	Principal I	Borongan City
Irene M. Jalayajay	Special Education Teacher III	Calbayog City
Julita B. Tanseco	Special Education Teacher III	Catbalogan City
Marlon Maestre	Special Education Teacher III	Eastern Samar
Jocelyn Marmita	Master Teacher I	Leyte
Eden O. Maamo	Master Teacher I	Maasin City
Dionesia A. Mercader	Education Program Supervisor	Northern Samar
Roseller Demolar	Principal III	Northern Samar
Elaisa Mae T. Davocol	Special Education Teacher I	Ormoc City
Gretchen D. Costelo	Special Education Teacher I	Samar
Rio D. Oreo	Special Education Teacher III	Samar
Shiela A. Rabi	Special Education Teacher III	Southern Leyte
Den Karl T. Manijas	Special Education Teacher III	Tacloban City

3. To access the first session on September 20, 2026, the participants are advised to click the link **<https://meet.google.com/oys-jhfj-dza>**.

4. Expenses for board and lodging, training, and other authorized expenses shall be charged against BLD-SID Funds, while travel expenses of the participants shall be charged against the **2025 and 2026 SNED Program Support Funds** downloaded to the recipient schools or Schools Division Offices (SDOs), subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. If the downloaded funds are insufficient to cover the travel expenses, participants may charge the deficiency against available **MOOE** or **other local funds**, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules.

5. Participation of teaching and non-teaching personnel in this officially authorized activity conducted on weekends, holidays, or other non-working days shall be entitled to the corresponding benefits under existing rules and regulations. Teaching personnel may be granted Vacation Service Credits (VSC) pursuant to DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003, as amended and supplemented by subsequent issuances, subject to the submission of the required supporting documents and approval by the proper authority. Non-teaching personnel may earn Compensatory Overtime Credits (COC) or Compensatory Time-Off (CTO), in lieu of overtime pay, in accordance with CSC-DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004 and related issuances, subject to existing accounting, budgeting, and civil service rules.

6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are directed.


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

Enclosure: As stated
Reference: As stated

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

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MEMORANDUM
DM-OULS-2026- 316

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM : CARMELA C. ORACION
Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION IN THE CAPACITY BUILDING ON BRAILLE LITERACY AND ACCESS FOR LEARNERS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

DATE : August 3, 2026

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Consistent with the Five-Point Reform Agenda of the Department of Education (DepEd), the Learning Systems Strand, through the Bureau of Learning Delivery - Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID), shall conduct the following activity:

Activity	Cluster	Date	Venue
Capacity-Building on Braille Literacy and Instructional Access for Learners with Visual Impairments	Visayas	September 19, 2026	Online via Google Meet
		September 26-27, 2026	DepEd Ecotech Center, Cebu City

This activity aim for the participants to:

- understand foundational Braille codes by tracing its history, navigating Pre-Braille Skills, Grade 1 and Grade 2 braille, utilizing required low-tech and high-tech braille tools;
- apply specialized Braille systems including the revised Filipino Braille Code 2014 and the Nemeth Braille Code for technical and mathematical notation; and
- produce accessible instructional materials by designing basic tactile graphics and utilizing digital support tools for literacy and mathematical Braille preparation.

The target participants for these activities include SNED Focal Persons, School Heads, and Supervisors with SNED specialization. Each Regional Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), is requested to nominate



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one (1) participant per division. The table below specifies the number of slots allocated per region:

Date and Venue	Number of Participants	
	Region VI	16
September 19, 2026 Online via Google Meet	Region VII	15
	Region VIII	15
	NIR	15
September 26-27, 2026 DepEd Ecotech Center, Cebu City		

The Regional SNED Focal Persons shall facilitate the submission of the list of identified participants, duly approved by the Regional Director, to the BLD-SID via email at bld.sid@deped.gov.ph. Identified participants shall ensure online registration through <https://tinyurl.com/CapBrailleLiteracy> no later than September 18, 2026.

Detailed information regarding the selection of participants and the schedule of events may be found in Enclosure 1 (List of Participants and Selection Criteria) and Enclosure 2 (Indicative Program of Activities), respectively. All participants are required to attend every session and must provide their own essential equipment, including a laptop, an extension cord, and a pocket Wi-Fi device.

Board and lodging and travel expenses shall be charged against SNED Continuing Funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing procedures. All travel expenses shall be downloaded to the respective regional offices of the participants. Should transportation expenses exceed the downloaded funds, remaining expenses shall be charged against any available local funds.

For inquiries or concerns, please contact the BLD-SID, attention Mita A. Parocha, Supervising Education Program Specialist, through email at bld.sid@deped.gov.ph.

Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MALCOLM S. GARMA

Undersecretary for Governance and Operations



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Enclosure 1

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Region: _____

CAPACITY BUILDING ON BRAILLE LITERACY AND INSTRUCTIONAL ACCESS FOR LEARNERS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

NAME	GENDER	POSITION / DESIGNATION	SCHOOL / OFFICE	DIVISION
1.				
2.				

Prepared by:

Recommending Approval:

Name of the Regional SNED Focal Person
Signature over Printed Name

Name of the CLMD Chief
Signature over Printed Name

Approved:

Name of the Regional Director
Signature over Printed Name



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CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE CAPACITY BUILDING ON BRAILLE LITERACY AND INSTRUCTIONAL ACCESS FOR LEARNERS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

Each participant must meet the following criteria:

1. A SNED focal person, school head, or teacher who specializes in SNED or teaching learners with visual impairment;
2. Has training experience in braille codes;
3. Demonstrates eagerness to learn and has positive attitude toward inclusive education, as evidenced by brief intent statement or school head's recommendation;
4. Must complete the whole duration of the activities, participate actively during the sessions, work with high-level of commitment on the expected outputs of the training, and ensure compliance and submission of required outputs on or before the deadline; and
5. Must commit to implementing the strategies learned in their current classroom following the workshop; and



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Enclosure 2

INDICATIVE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Capacity Building on Braille Literacy and Instructional Access for Learners with Visual Impairments

Luzon	August 29, 2026	Online via Google Meet
	September 5-6, 2026	NEAP Marikina
Visayas	September 19, 2026	Online via Google Meet
	September 26-27, 2026	DepEd Ecotech Center, Cebu City
Mindanao	October 10, 2026	Online via Google Meet
	October 17-18, 2026	Within Davao City

Day 1

Time	Activity
08:00 AM to 09:00 AM	Registration
09:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Opening Program
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	- History of Braille - Different Braille Codes - Installation of Application
12:00 PM to 01:00 PM	Lunch Break
01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	- Braille Alphabet - Fundamental braille rules - Uncontracted braille (grade 1)
03:00 PM to 05:00 PM	- Unified English Braille (contracted / grade 2) - Rules of UEB
Officer of the Day	Mitzi Grace Gavilanes / Mark Ryan Romero

Day 2

Time	Activity
08:00 AM to 08:30 AM	Management of Learning
08:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Revised Filipino Braille Code 2014
12:00 PM to 01:00 PM	Lunch Break
01:00 PM to 05:00 PM	Nemeth Braille Code
Officer of the Day	ALLAN R. MESOGA

Day 3

Time	Activity
08:00 AM to 08:30 AM	Management of Learning
08:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Basic Tactile Graphics
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Digital Support for preparing literary braille and mathematics.
12:00 PM to 01:00 PM	Lunch Break
01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	Submission of outputs and workshop evaluation.
03:00 PM to 04:00 PM	Open Forum and Next Step
04:00 PM to 05:00 PM	Closing Program
Officer of the Day:	Mita A. Parocha