



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

October 16, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **1363**, s. 2026

**SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES TO THE 2026 NATIONAL
LITERACY AWARDS (NLA)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Division NLA Coordinators
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum No. 062, s. 2026 dated October 7, 2026, this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), hereby requests all the Schools Division Offices (SDOs) to submit their entries for the **2026 National Literacy Awards (NLA)** in both soft and hard copies, following the schedule and submission details below:

a. **soft copies:** Email the entries to **clmd.region8@deped.gov.ph**, with a copy furnished to **alfredo.cafe@deped.gov.ph**, on or before **October 20, 2026**; and

b. **hard copies:** Submit the entries to the Regional NLA Coordinator at the Girls' Education Center (GEC), DepEd Regional Office VIII Compound, Candahug, Palo, Leyte, on **October 21, 2026**.

2. A National Literacy Awards (NLA) Regional Support Team (RST) shall be organized to assist the NLA Regional Selection Committee (RSC) during the acceptance, validation, and selection of entries at the regional level whose composition is found in the enclosures. The timetable of NLA-related activities is also attached for the guidance of all concerned.

3. In this view, all expenses incurred by the members of the RSC and RST relative to this activity shall be charged against the downloaded support funds at the Regional Office for this purpose, subject to the existing accounting rules and regulations.

4. An online interfacing session with the Division NLA Coordinators shall be conducted on **October 16, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM via Google Meet** to discuss key matters and coordinate necessary preparations for the successful conduct of the Regional Selection of entries. The meeting link shall be provided on the morning of the scheduled activity.



Address: Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte
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Website: region8.deped.gov.ph



5. The SDOs, through their respective Division NLA Coordinators, are further requested to disseminate this information to their respective supervisory areas, Local Government Units (LGUs), Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to ensure wider dissemination and participation.
6. For inquiries and other concerns, they may coordinate with the **Regional NLA Focal Person** through the email addresses provided above.
7. All other details on this activity are stipulated in the above-mentioned DepEd Memorandum.
8. 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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Enclosure 1 to RM 1363, s. 2026 dated October 15, 2026.

A. NLA Regional Selection Committee (RSC)

Chairperson: SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III
Regional Director, DepEd RO VIII

Alternate: MARILYN B. SIAO PhD, CESO IV
Assistant Regional Director, DepEd RO VIII

Co-Chairperson: Regional Director, DILG RO VIII
Or, Representative

Members: Regional Director, PIA RO VIII
Or, Representative

Regional Director, NEDA RO VIII
Or, Representative

President, HEI (TBI)
Or, Representative

B. National Literacy Awards (NLA) Regional Support Team (RST)

RST Head: DR. GERTRUDES C. MABUTIN, Chief, CLMD

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Enclosure 2 to RM 1363, s. 2026 dated October 15, 2026.

Regional Timetable of Activities

Date	Activity	Responsible Office/ Person
October 12, 2026	Advance Dissemination of information to the Division NLA Coordinators	Regional NLA Coordinator
October 13, 2026	Consultation with the Regional Director/Assistant Regional Director/CLMD Chief	
October 14, 2026	Organization of a Regional Support Team (RST) and Regional Screening Committee (RSC)	
October 15, 2026	Crafting of a Regional Memorandum and Dissemination to the SDOs of the advance copy	
October 16, 2026	Conduct of online Meeting with the RSC, Division NLA Coordinators and RST Members	- RST - Regional NLA Coordinator
October 19-20, 2026	Acceptance of Nominations/Entries from the LGUs, HEIs and NGOs (endorsed by the SDO)	RST
October 21, 2026	Document Evaluation & Ranking	- RSC - RST
October 22, 2026	Online Regional Validation and Selection of Winning Regional Entries	
October 23, 2026	Submission of Official NLA Regional Entries to the LCC Secretariat	
November 26, 2026	Briefing with the Proponents/Representatives of the Winning Entries for the 2026 NLA Awarding Ceremonies at the RO and CO levels (together with the other Participants as identified) <i>The venue and other details will be announced in a separate memorandum)</i>	- ORD - Regional NLA Coordinator

Enclosure 3 to RM 1363, s. 2026 dated October 15, 2026.

Matrix of Activities in the Conduct of Meeting with the RSC and RST Members

October 15, 2026 (Friday) at 2:00 PM
Via Google Meet

Session 1	Preliminaries	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Online Registration	RST
2:00 PM – 2:20 PM	Welcome Message	MARILYN B. SIAO PhD, CESO IV Asst. Regional Director, DepEd RO8 Alternate Chairperson, NLA RSC
	Inspirational Message	SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III Regional Director, DepEd RO8 Chairperson, NLA RSC
Session 2	Roll Call and Goal Setting	
2:20 PM – 2:30 PM	Presentation of Participants and Statement of Purpose	Dr. Gertrudes C. Mabutin Chief, CLMD
Session 3	Business Proper	
2:30 PM – 2:35 PM	Presentation of Agenda	SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III Regional Director, DepEd RO8 Chairperson, NLA RSC
2:35 PM – 3:15 PM	Discussion of the Agenda - NLA: Its Operational Definition - Composition and ToR of the RSC - Composition and ToR of the RST - NLA Categories - Entry Qualifications	Alfredo P. Café, EPS, CLMD NLA Coordinator Presenter
3:15 PM – 3:25 PM	Health Break	
3:25 PM – 4:25 PM	- Nomination Process - Regional Selection Timelines - Other Matters	Alfredo P. Café, EPS, CLMD Presenter
4:25 PM – 4:55 PM	Agreement	SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III Regional Director, DepEd RO8 Chairperson, NLA RSC
4:55 AM – 5:00 PM	Adjournment	