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

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
CLMD-2026-1527

DISSEMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE ALLOCATION, UTILIZATION, AND REPORTING OF THE 2026 BAYANG BUMABASA INITIATIVE (BBI) PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS

To: Schools Division Superintendents } Leyte
} Southern Leyte
} Northern Samar
} Samar (Western Samar)

CID Chief
Education Program Supervisor
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the Department of Education's continuing commitment to strengthen foundational literacy and ensure that every learner develops essential reading competencies, all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are hereby directed to disseminate and facilitate the implementation of the **Guidelines on the Allocation, Utilization, and Reporting of the 2026 Bayang Bumabasa Initiative (BBI) Program Support Funds,** pursuant to the Department of Education Memorandum dated November 5, 2026.

2. The Bayang Bumabasa Initiative (BBI), launched during the 2025 National Literacy Conference, is a key national strategy aimed at addressing foundational literacy gaps and strengthening literacy interventions through the collaborative efforts of schools, local government units (LGUs), and other education stakeholders.

3. In this regard, all Schools Division Offices shall undertake the following:

a. Ensure the immediate dissemination of the aforementioned guidelines to all concerned schools and BBI focal persons within their respective divisions;
b. Orient concerned school heads and implementers on the prescribed policies and procedures governing the allocation, utilization, and reporting of the Program Support Funds (PSF);
c. Ensure that the utilization of funds is aligned with the objectives and allowable expenditures stipulated in the national guidelines, particularly those that directly support the implementation of literacy-related interventions and activities;
d. Exercise appropriate monitoring and supervision to ensure the judicious, transparent, and accountable utilization of the allocated funds;

e. Ensure the proper documentation and maintenance of financial and program implementation records, including supporting documents required for reporting and auditing purposes; and
f. Facilitate the timely submission and consolidation of the required financial and accomplishment reports in accordance with the prescribed reporting procedures and timelines.

4. The Schools Division BBI Focal Persons, in coordination with the concerned school heads, shall closely monitor the implementation of the initiative and provide the necessary technical assistance to ensure that the intended outcomes of the program are achieved.

5. All concerned offices and schools are directed to carefully review and strictly adhere to the provisions of the attached DepEd Memorandum, particularly the specific guidelines on fund allocation, allowable expenditures, utilization, liquidation, and reporting requirements.

6. For further information and clarifications, concerned personnel may coordinate with the Regional BBI Focal Person through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD).

7. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are hereby enjoined.

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

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