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

November 19, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 1548 s. 2026

UPDATES ON THE CONDUCT OF THE REGIONAL SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS FAIR FOR SY 2026-2027

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum CLMD-2026-1471 on the Conduct of the 2026 Regional Science, Technology and Mathematics Fair (RSTMF) scheduled on December 13-16, 2026 at Ormoc City.

2. The activity shall be referred to as the **2027 Regional Science, Technology and Mathematics Fair (RSTMF).** This is due to the reason that deadline of submission of entries for the National Science, Technology and Mathematics Fair is due on December 18-23, 2026 and the conduct of the NSTMF will be on February 5-7, 2027.

3. Travel and other incidental expenses incurred by the participants shall be charged against their respective local funds or other available sources. The non-DepEd members of the Board of Judges for the different contest categories shall receive a **fixed honorarium of Thirteen Thousand Pesos (₱13,000.00) each** for their services during the conduct of the 2027 Regional Science, Technology and Mathematics Fair (RSTMF). The honoraria shall be charged against DepEd Regional Office VIII Funds/MOOE or other available funds, subject to the availability of funds and existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

4. Other provision of Regional Memorandum CLMD-2026-1471 are still in effect.

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

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

Enclosure: RM CLMD-2026-1471
References: RM CLMD-2026-1471 and DM 058 s. 2026
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

FAIR SCIENCE EDUCATION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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CONDUCT OF THE 2026 REGIONAL SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS FAIR (RSTMF)

To: Schools Division Superintendents
CID Chiefs
CLMD Chief
Regional Science Supervisor
Division Science Supervisors
All Others Concerned

1. Attached herein is DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026 on the Conduct of the National Science and technology Fair for School Year 2026-2027 with the theme "*Leveraging Scientific Innovation for Sustainable and Progressive Philippines*", this Office announces the conduct of the 2026 Regional Science, Technology and Mathematics Fair (RSTMF) on December 13-16, 2026 at Ormoc City.

2. This year's RSTMF is anchored on the theme "*Leveraging Scientific Innovation and Mathematics Excellence for Sustainable and Future-Ready Eastern Visayas*" with the specific objectives, such as:

a. Strengthen learners' STEM competencies through research projects addressing regional and community needs;
b. Provide a platform for learners to present research findings and showcase scientific and technological innovations;
c. Promote scientific inquiry, mathematical excellence, creativity, critical thinking, and innovation among learners;
d. Enhance awareness and interest in STEM education and its role in building a sustainable and future-ready Eastern Visayas;
e. Strengthen partnerships among schools, government agencies, higher education institutions, industries, and communities to advance STEM education and research; and
f. Recognize outstanding learner-researchers and innovative projects for possible representation in the National Science and Technology Fair and other research competitions.

3. The official participants from each delegation shall only be the Rank 1 Winners in each of the different categories whose entries have been approved by the Regional Level Scientific Review Committee (SRC). Substitutes shall not be allowed once Division Indorsement of participants has been submitted. The description and number of Official participants and other Party members are attached herewith.

4. The guidelines, standards, parameters, and process stipulated in the SSTF, DSTF, RSTF, NSTF Handbook and DepEd Memorandum 058, s. 2026 shall guide student researchers, teachers, school heads, Division and Regional Math and Science Supervisors, Chief Education Program Supervisors, and Schools Division Superintendents in implementing and organizing Science and Technology Fairs. The other contextualized guidelines are attached herewith.

5. The Schools Division Superintendents must ascertain that classes left by the teacher-participants are taken over by substitute teachers, merged with other classes, or given an alternative instructions or delivery modalities so that the learners still avail of the full benefit of classroom instruction.

6. The Division STF Coordinators are to submit on or before November 30, 2026, 5:00 pm, through the google drive link below. Failure to submit the complete report, documents, and projects on time shall be subject for disqualification.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qXWjdTbjF5tuAXn7_TrzPCUcwZR2oz8N?usp=drive_link

7. The following documents must be uploaded to the shared google drive such as:

a. Endorsement by the Schools Division Superintendent (scanned copy);
b. Official List of Participants (in MS Excel format and following the format template in the NSTF Handbook;
c. End of Activity Report for the Division STMF;
d. Shoutout video; and
e. Manuscripts and Forms (arranged by folder per category).

8. The hard copy of the manuscripts and Forms (in 3 copies, color coded, and soft bound), Learner Media Release Consent Form, Parent Consent Form, and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) Form will be submitted on December 13, 2026 at the Registration Area in the RSTMF venue, ACLC College Campus, Ormoc City.

9. The following attachments are stipulated in this Memorandum such as:

Annex A. DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026;
Annex B. Schedule of Activities;
Annex C. Assignment of Billeting Schools per Division; and
Annex D. RSTMF Technical Working Group

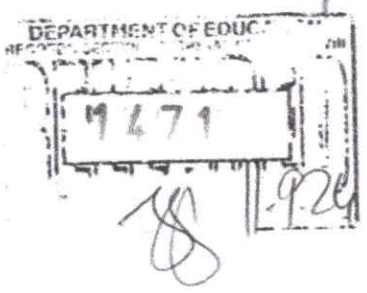
10. The Teacher-participants, Non-teaching Personnel and Division Personnel to the STF activities who travel or render services on days that fall on weekends and holidays can avail of the service credit, CTO, or COC as per DepEd Order No. 67, s. 1988 and CSC Memo Circular No. 09, s. 1988.

11. Travel and other incidental expenses incurred by the participants shall be charged against their respective local funds or other available sources, while the honorarium for the non-DepEd Board of Judges members shall be taken from the DepEd RO8 Funds/MOOE and other available funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

12. For more information, you may contact Dr. Emmanuel P. Firmo, Jr., the Regional Focal Person for the 2026 RSTMF at **0905-2627003 or email at emmanuel.firmo@deped.gov.ph.**

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

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



Enclosure: None
References: None
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CONFERENCE SCIENCE EDUCATION

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Annex A. DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026

The DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026 and the NSEF Guidelines can be downloaded using the link and QR Code below:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qXWjdTbjF5tuAXn7_TrzPCUcwZR2oz8N?usp=drive_link

Annex B. Schedule of Activities

Activity	Time	Venue	In-Charge
Day 0: December 13, 2026			
Arrival and Registration of Participants	8:00 AM	ACLC Campus, Ormoc City	SDO Ormoc City TWG
Setting-up of Poster and Practice of Participants	1:00 -5:00 PM	ACLC Campus, Ormoc City	By SDO with the assistance of SDO TWG
Meeting of RO TWG	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Designated Hotel provided by the Host SDO	RO RSTMF Focal
Meeting with the RSTMF TWG	3:00-5:00 PM	Designated Hotel provided by the Host SDO	RO RSTMF Focal
Day 1: December 14, 2026			
Opening Program and Research Forum	8:00-12:00 NN	Ormoc Superdome	RO and SDO Ormoc City TWG
STEM Congress Proper (TUKLAS and SIE Individual Category)	1:00 – 5:00 PM	ACLC Ormoc Campus	RO, SDO Ormoc City TWG, and BOJ
Day 2: December 15, 2026			
STEM Congress Proper (TUKLAS and SIE Team Category)	8:00 AM– 5:00 PM	ACLC Ormoc Campus	RO, SDO Ormoc City TWG, and BOJ
BOJ Deliberation	5:00-7:00 PM	ACLC Ormoc Campus	RO, SDO Ormoc City TWG, and BOJ
Day 3: December 16, 2026			
Poster Presentation and Deliberation of Judges	8:00 – 12:00 NN	ACLC Ormoc Campus	RO, SDO Ormoc City TWG, and BOJ
Final Deliberation, Tabulation, and Checking of Results in All Categories	1:00 -3:00 PM	ACLC Ormoc Campus	RO, SDO Ormoc City TWG, and BOJ
Awarding and Closing Ceremonies	3:00 – 5:00 PM	ACLC Ormoc Campus	RO, SDO Ormoc City TWG, and BOJ
Day 3: December 16, 2026			
Transmittal of Results and Entries for the NSTMF	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Designated Hotel provided by the Host SDO	RO RSTMF Focal and RO TWG
Travel back Home of Delegates	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM		SDO STF Focal and their respective TWG

Annex C. Assignment of Billeting Quarters Per Division

SDO	Expected No. of Pax	Billeting Schools	No. of Rooms
Baybay	40	NOCNHS	6
Biliran	40	NOCNHS	6
Borongan	40	NOCNHS	6
Calbayog	40	NOCNHS	6
Tacloban	40	NOCNHS	6
Eastern Samar	40	OCSHS	6
Leyte	40	OCSHS	6
Maasin	40	OCSHS	6
Northern Samar	40	OCSHS	6
Ormoc	40	OCSHS	6
Samar	40	OCCS	6
Southern Leyte	40	OCCS	6
Catbalogan	40	OCCS	6
Eastern Visayas Regional Science High School	40	OCCS	6
Drivers	26	OCCS	3
TOTAL	**586**		**87**

Annex D. RSTMF Technical Working Group

RSTMF Over-all Chairperson – Dr. Salustiano T. Jimenez, CESO III
Co-Chairperson – Dr. Gertrudes C. Mabutin
RSTMF Focal Person – Dr. Emmannuel P. Firmo, Jr.

RO Technical Working Group:

All CLMD EPS:
Dr. Glendale B. Lamiseria
Joy Bihag
Dr. Nova P. Jorge
Dr. Dandy Acuin
Dr. Amenia Aspa
Dr. Alfredo Café
Dr. Margie Balledo
Dr. Ernani Fernandez Jr.
Dean Ric Endriano
Dr. Jayson Closa

Documentation Committee:

Jasmin F. Calzita – PAU Unit Head
Floramay Bacus – PDO II

Results and Tabulation Committee:

Dr. Emmanuel P. Firmo, Jr. – EPS, Science
Dr. Glendale B. Lamiseria – EPS, Mathematics
Dr. Dandy Acuin – EPS, Filipino
Jim Albert Lagado – RO ICTO
Mikko Duero – RO ICT Personnel

Printing of Certificates:

Dr. Ernani Fernandez – EPS, TLE
Joy Bihag – EPS, LRMS
Annamarie Tolibas - Librarian
Balsy Redona – LRMS Staff
Romeo Alvarado – LRMS Staff
Peter Kim Ti-in – ADAS-CLMD
Jyrald Dasmarinas – CLMD Staff

Security Committee:

Dr. Alfredo Cafe – EPS, ALS
Host SDO

Judging of the Shout-Out Video:

Dr. Nova P. Jorge
Jasmine Calzita
Dr. Margie Balledo

3 BOJs

Setting up of Booth/Area for the STEM TUKLAS and SIE Poster
Dr. Amenia Aspa
Dr. Jayson Closa
Dean Ric Endriano
Host SDO TWG

Safety and Medical Team:

Host SDO

Transportation Committee

Apple Reyes – GSU Head
Linaflor Tajo – GSU Staff
Jojo Senecio – Driver
Erwin Millar – Driver

Events Managers:

Life Science Category

Carmen Lim
Rhea Coles
Nelida Lobos
Felinda Jamer
Miguel Dumas
SDO Ormoc TWG

Physical Science Category

Joy Saldana
Arnulfo Banzon
John Patrick Lazarro
Zaldy Tabugoca
Allan Rosello
SDO Ormoc TWG

Robotics and Intelligent Machines

Wilson Aureo
Gina Palines
Edgar Calvadores
Robert Guira
Emily Adarayan
SDO Ormoc TWG

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Rommel Tan
Santiago Fabula, Jr.

Joshua Sherwin Lim
Roel Tugas
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Mauricio Catan
Hazel Maraviles
SDO Ormoc TWG