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Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION I  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF VIGAN CITY

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 492, s.2025

**DISSEMINATION ON THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE VIEWING  
OF THE FILM THE SONG OF THE FIREFLIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
SCHOOLS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
CID/SGOD Chiefs  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the memorandum from the Undersecretary and Chief of Staff of the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Education, dated July 24, 2025, this Office hereby disseminates the authorization for the viewing of the film *The Song of the Fireflies* in public and private schools for educational purposes.
2. Inspired by true events, *The Song of the Fireflies* tells the remarkable story of the Loboc Children's Choir from Bohol—a group of young individuals who, through the power of music, discipline, and community support, rose above personal and communal adversities. The film offers substantial educational value in promoting Filipino culture, music appreciation, values formation, and youth empowerment.
3. In this regard, school heads are advised to exercise sound discretion in organizing viewings for learners of appropriate age and maturity. These viewings should:
  - a. Ensure that no fees shall be collected from learners in accordance with DepEd Order No. 19, s. 2008 (Implementing Guidelines of the No Collection Policy in All Public Elementary and Secondary Schools);
  - b. Guarantee that such activities shall not disrupt scheduled classes, as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 (Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith); and
  - c. Obtain necessary parental consent, where appropriate, especially for learners in lower grade levels.
4. For immediate and widest dissemination.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
SCHOOL HEADS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :** [Redacted]  
**ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**  
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

**SUBJECT :** AUTHORIZATION FOR THE VIEWING OF THE FILM THE  
SONG OF THE FIREFLIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
SCHOOLS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

**DATE :** July 24, 2025

The Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the transformative power of music and the resilience of Filipino youth.

Inspired by true events, the film **The Song of the Fireflies** tells the story of the Loboc Children's Choir, an ensemble of children from a remote and idyllic town in Bohol who, guided by a devoted teacher-trainer, discover their potential through music. The Film portrays how young people can overcome adversity through passion, talent, and community support.

With its rich educational themes, the film offers meaningful opportunities to enhance classroom discussions in values education, music, and Filipino culture.

In this regard, DepEd finds it appropriate to allow learners of suitable age and maturity to view the film under the discretion and guidance of school heads and teachers. Such viewings shall be conducted in accordance with existing DepEd policies, including but not limited to the **No Collection Policy**.<sup>1</sup>

For your guidance and appropriate action.

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<sup>1</sup> DepEd Order No. 19, s. 2008, Implementation of No Collection Policy in All Public Elementary and Secondary Schools