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Department of Education
 REGION I
 SCHOOLS DIVISION OF VIGAN CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Division Memorandum
 No. 116 s. 2026

PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT)

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
 Chief Education Supervisor (CID and SGOD)
 Elementary and Secondary School Heads/Principals
 Public, Private and Laboratory Schools
 All Others Concerned

1. Per DepEd Regional Memorandum No. 282, s. 2026 the Department of Education Regional Office I through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), shall conduct the 2026 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) with a theme "Embracing Change, Redefining Excellence" at the Ilocos Norte National High School (INNHS) and Ilocos Norte College of Arts and Trades (INCAT) Laoag City, Ilocos Norte on March 3-5, 2026 (exclusive of travel time).
2. The RFOT aims to:
 - a. provide meaningful learning opportunities to showcase multiple intelligences, value-laden talents, and 21st century skills as solid evidence of learning across academic areas and inclusive education programs.
 - b. support the Department's core values and goals of producing holistically developed Filipino, while also contributing to the development of learner's competencies in various creative industry domains, in support of Republic Act (RA) No. 11904, An Act Providing for the Development and Promotion of the Philippine Creative Industries, and Appropriating Funds Therefor.
3. Enclosed are the list of contestants for the different events, the list of delegation officials, and the general instructions for RFOT delegates.
4. The general guidelines and specific guidelines for each skills exhibition can be accessed through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/RFOT-SDOVC-2026>.
5. There shall be **no registration fee** for the 2026 RFOT. Materials for the event exhibition, advocacy shirt, travel expenses and meals shall be charged to SEF, while other incidental costs (e.g. fare going to contest venue) of learner-participants, teacher-coaches, and other official delegates shall be charged to School MOOE, RFOT, local funds, or other eligible funding sources, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.



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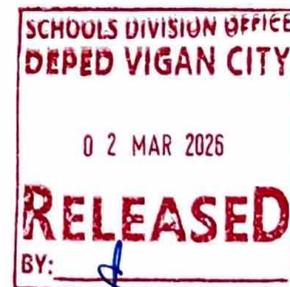
6. Learner-participants are required to secure parents' consent (see Annex 1), which shall be collected by their respective coaches and submitted to the EPS concerned on or before March 3, 2026. Coaches shall ensure the safety, health, and well-being of their contestants throughout the activity.
7. School Heads are advised to institute administrative remedies to ensure that there will be no disruption of classes of the coaches concerned. Moreover, they should see to it that as teachers of participating learners shall provide appropriate learning interventions to them so they can cope with the lessons missed while attending the RFOT.
8. This memorandum shall serve as the **Authority to Travel** for all participants, and delegation officials.
9. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


VILMA D. EDA, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

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OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS TO THE 2026 RFOT

AREA	CONTEST	NAME OF PARTICIPANT	COACH	SCHOOL	
EPP/TLE/TV L	Cabin Crew	Jaurel Joseph F. Fieldad	Eddie James Fernandez	ISNHS	
	Bake Cares	Cassandra Adatan	Mary Ann Agtutubo Angelica Ugale	ISNHS	
		Rizza Paa			
		Ryouji Flores			
	DeskMates	Jann Alexis Q. Aldamar	Joe Raffy P. Del Castillo	ISNHS	
		Jerico Vladimir O. Argallon			
	Techno Fusion	Steffie Nousse Gonzales	Apple D. Paa	BPES	
		Mark Ivan Valderama		VCS	
	Flavor Fame	Angel Sophia A. Atalin	Sancelle Recaido	ISNHS	
		Angel Pham Rabbon	Nerissa De Vera		
Mil Jovin Jamnold K-Zar Cu		Ryan Villanueva			
ENGLISH	Advocacy Pitch	Sariah Claire Siriban	Amor Tabangcura	ISNHS	
		Izabel De Peralta	Joan Regua		
	Literary Cup	Saif Gener Regia	Daniel Gabriel Prades	PIS	
		Sam Raceles			
Christian Paul Raguidin					
ARALING PANLIUNAN FILIPINO	Pop Quiz	Princess Drexelle T. Tadeo	Irish Klein B. Basconcillo	ISNHS	
DokyuWento		Jilian Bilgera	Theodore Dan Rivero	ISNHS	
		Marcus Antonio Rivera			
		Shikiyah Menor Agcarao			
MATH/ SCIENCE	STEMazing	Lien Dixzel Q. Alconcel	Lexter C. Supnet	ISNHS	
		Zithri Jezreel R. Baclig	Janet A. Piano	NES	
		Ed Raenique Follante			
		Jhulien Clark Labuni			
MAPEH	Likhawitan	Nemuel Josh M. Yabes	Ruth Langbayan Anthony	ISNHS	
		Jerahmeel Ezra P. Rabang			
		Angelov Raphael H. Costales			
	CineMunti		Budz Spencer S. Agcaoili	Theodore Dan C. Rivero Jerick O. Saupan Wayne T. Alconis	ISNHS
			Jedrick Alfred T. Guzman		
			Genevieve Kate M. Del Castillo		
			Ken R. Galace		



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		Trisha Marie D. Obebe	Cesar Palacpac, Jr. Angelica T. Fagela	ISNHS
		Miguel Patrick Rivera		
	PinasSayaw	Angelo Cabebe		
		Angeline Abigania		
		Princess Nathalie		
		Wendel Urbano		
		Xlariss Lara		
		CJ Pranada		
		John Carlo Amay		
		Ashley Joy Arce		
		Jenica Mae Bautista		
		Prince Kharl Gonzales		
		Carmela Roses		
		Lorraine Cabotaje		
		Christian Taculog		
Ryan Pascua				



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**LIST OF DELEGATION OFFICIALS TO THE 2026 REGIONAL FESTIVAL
OF TALENTS (RFOT)**

Name	Position
1. Vilma D. Eda, CESO V	Schools Division Superintendent-Head of Delegation
2. Dr. Annie D. Pagdilao, CESO VI	Asst. Schools Division Superintendent-Assistant Head of Delegation
3. Marie Christine L. Natividad	Chief Education Program Supervisor, CID
4. Solito S. Cortel	Education Program Supervisor-MAPEH/Record Officer
5. Felipa T. Regaspi	Education Program Supervisor-Filipino/Cleanliness
6. Peter John A. Frial	Education Program Supervisor-Science/Record Officer
7. Pelagio F. Cardenas	Education Program Supervisor-Math/Discipline Officer
8. Nelson A. Robiñol	Education Program Supervisor-English/Cleanliness
9. Edgar L. Pescador	Education Program Supervisor-Araling Panlipunan/Room Officer
10. Amelyn P. Abella	Education Program Supervisor-EPP/TLE/Bus Commander and Food Chair
11. Ma. Koryne P. Taborda	Welfare Officer
12. Nestor Pascua	Driver
13. Robert Pastor	Driver



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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES

1. March 3, 2026, RFOT delegation must be at the departure area at 7:00 AM
Departure Area: ISNHS
Departure Time: 8:00 AM
2. All delegates must have eaten their breakfast before proceeding to the departure area. They shall also bring their own packed snacks, and lunch. The first meal to be served in the venue will be dinner on March 3, 2026 and the last meal is dinner of March 5, 2026.
3. Coaches and contestants shall bring their own mosquito net, eating paraphernalia (tumbler, plate, spoon, fork, bowl, etc)
4. The billeting school for Vigan City Delegates shall be Cabeza Elementary School, Laoag City. Cleanliness and orderliness of the billeting area must be observed at all times.
5. Bus assignment will be posted via Messenger.
6. Coaches must see to it that all their contestants should be on board before departure.
7. Coaches shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline of their respective contestants.
8. Delegates are not allowed to go out of the billeting area without permission from the Head of the Delegation. **Curfew time shall be at 9:00 PM.**
9. Coaches are advised to report to the Education Program Supervisor in-charge of the event the results of their contest for proper documentation.
10. Coaches should collect the Parent's Consent prior travel. No duly signed consent, no travel.
11. All delegation officials shall attend the Opening Program on March 3, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the Laoag City Hall Basketball Court, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte.
12. Contestants should submit to their coaches their cellphone numbers as well as the names and mobile numbers of the persons to be notified in case of emergency.
13. Each delegate is responsible for his/her personal belongings and other valuables.
14. It is reminded that in the course of the RFOT 2026 the observance of **NO LIQUOR, NO PLASTIC, NO GAMBLING POLICY, ZERO VANDALISM, PROPER SOLID WASTE SEGREGATION/DISPOSAL & ZERO BASURA** as well as **ENERGY & WATER CONSERVATION** be consistently practiced by everyone as part of Vigan City Delegation's high degree of discipline. Violators should be reported to Mr. Solito S. Cortel or Mr. Pelagio F. Cardenas at their mobile number 09175281188/09175805050.



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
 No. 282 s. 2026

UPDATES ON THE 2026 REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT)

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Pursuant to Regional Memorandum No. 258, s. 2026, titled *Conduct of the 2026 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT)*, this Office hereby issues the following updates:

A. Adjustment of Event Schedule and Venues

The RFOT shall be conducted on March 3-5, 2026. The Opening Program will be held on March 3, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. at the Laoag City Hall Basketball Court, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte. The Mayor's Night will follow right after the Opening Program. For this event, fifteen (15) slots shall be allotted per Schools Division Office (SDO). Other changes in the event schedule and venues may be accessed through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/RFOTGuidelines>.

B. Updated Delegates Composition

Contest Event	Learner-Participant s	Teacher-Coaches	Division EPS/Focal Person	Medical Personne l	CID Chief	ASDS	SDS
1. Advocacy Pitch	2	2	10	1	1	1/2	1
2. Arabic Language Spelling	1	1					
3. Bake Cares	3	2					
4. Cabin Craft	1	1					
5. Cine Munti	4	1					
6. Deskmates	2	1					
7. DokyuWento	3	1					
8. Flavor Fame	3	3					
9. Harf Touch	1	1					
10. Likhawitan	3	1					
11. Literary Cup	3	3					
12. Pop Quiz	1	1					
13. Qur'an Reading	1	1					
14. Stemazing	4	2					
15. Techno Fusion	2	1					



C. Utilization of Support Funds

Support funds from the Regional MOOE and the 2025 Direct Released Funds were downloaded to the host division to cover the following expenses:

- certificates, plaques, and tokens;
- supplies and materials;
- board and lodging of RTWGs, guests, and judges;
- honoraria for judges;
- incidental expenses; and
- other related expenses.

2. All other provisions stipulated in RM No. 258, s. 2026 shall remain in full force and effect.

3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

For the Regional Director:


RHODA T. RAZON
Director III

Encl.: As stated

Reference: RM No. 258, s. 2026

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CONDUCT OF 2026 REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT)

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order (DO) No. 12, s. 2025, titled "Multi-year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities," the Department of Education Regional Office I, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) in cooperation with SDO Laoag City as host division, shall conduct the 2026 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) with the theme "Embracing Change, Redefining Excellence" at the Ilocos Norte National High School (INNHS) and Ilocos Norte College of Arts and Trades (INCAT) Laoag City, Ilocos Norte on March 4-6, 2026 (exclusive of travel time).
2. The activity aims to:
 - a. provide meaningful learning opportunities to showcase multiple intelligences, value-laden talents, and 21st century skills as solid evidence of learning across academic areas and inclusive education programs.
 - b. support the Department's core values and goal of producing holistically developed Filipinos, while also contributing to the development of learners' competencies in various creative industry domains, in support of Republic Act (RA) No. 11904, An Act Providing for the Development and Promotion of the Philippine Creative Industries, and Appropriating Funds Therefor.
3. Adherence to the official number of delegates per Schools Division Office indicated below is requested:

Contest Event	Learner-Participants	Teacher-Coaches	Division EPS/Focal Person	Medical Personnel	CID Chief	ASDS	SDS
1. Advocacy Pitch	2	2	10	1	1	1/2	1
2. Arabic Language Spelling	1	1					
3. Bake Cares	3	2					
4. Cabin Craft	1	1					
5. Cine Munti	6	3					
6. Deskmates	2	1					
7. Dokyuwento	3	1					
8. Flavor Fame	3	3					
9. Harf Touch	1	1					



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11. Literary Cup	4	2					
12. Pop Quiz	3	3					
13. Qur'an Reading	1	1					
14. Stemazing	4	2					
15. Techno Fusion	2	1					

4. Participation in the 2026 RFOT is voluntary and shall not, in any way, affect the time-on-task of teachers, as this activity's target learning standards and competencies are already embedded in teachers' actual classroom teaching and assessment process.

5. Medical Certificates are to be submitted, and strict observance of minimum health protocols shall be implemented within all activity premises to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all RFOT learner-participants and teacher-coaches. Moreover, official delegates are advised to bring their own bedding.

6. There shall be no registration fee for the 2026 RFOT. Materials needed for the event exhibition, travel expenses, meals, and other incidental expenses of learner-participants, teacher-coaches, and other delegates shall be charged to their local funds or other eligible fund sources, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

7. The 2026 RFOT events shall be conducted in person. All pertinent details, such as, the general guidelines and specific guidelines for each contest category, schedule of activities, contest venues, billeting schools, steering committee, forms to be accomplished and emergency hotlines, can be accessed through the link: <https://tinyurl.com/RFOTGuidelines>.

8. For inquiries or concerns, please contact the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) through Ms. Arlene A. Niro, Chief Education Supervisor, or Ms. Jackelyn R. Aguinaldo, Education Program Supervisor, at telephone number (072) 682-2324, local 120 or through email address clmd.region1@deped.gov.ph.

9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Director IV

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**GENERAL GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF
2026 REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT)**

1. For the guidance of all participants, the general guidelines of the 2026 RFOT are as follows:
 - a. All events of the 2026 RFOT shall be conducted face-to-face.
 - b. Participants of the 2026 RFOT are Filipino learners in basic education who are expected to showcase their best products, and performances in the different event categories as authentic pieces of evidence of their learning across academic areas, key stages, inclusion, and special curricular programs. They shall be accompanied by their respective teacher-coaches;
 - c. Parent/guardian's consent of the learner- participant shall be secured;
 - d. Certification from the SDOs that the learner-participants are officially enrolled;
 - e. All learner-participants and teacher-coaches are required to secure medical certificates and submit the same to the Regional Technical Working Group on March 3, 2026, at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Ilocos Norte College of Arts and Trades (INCAT) Hostel.
 - f. Participation is open to all learners currently enrolled in
 - In public or private elementary and secondary schools for SY 2025-2026;
 - other inclusion programs such as Alternative Learning System (ALS), Indigenous Peoples Education (IPed), Special Needs Education (SNEd), and Madrasah Education Program (MEP) for SY 2025-2026; and
 - winners of the SY 2025-2026 Division Festival of Talents
 - g. Learner-participants and teacher-coaches shall receive Certificates of Participation from the Regional Office and a Certificate of Appearance from the host division.
 - h. Learner-participant is only allowed to participate in one (1) event category.
2. **Entries at the Regional Level**
 - a. Only one (1) entry per event category per division shall be accepted at the regional level.
 - b. The division offices may refer to the specific guidelines set for each event category to select their learner participants who will join the 2026 RFOT.
3. **Regional Level Awards**
 - a. All entries shall be ranked from highest to lowest. However, only the top 5 entries shall be given Certificate of Recognition.

Mechanics for Judging

- a. The services, products, and performances of participants to be showcased in all events shall be judged by the panel of experts.
- b. The results shall be reviewed by the members of the panel of experts before they affix their signatures on the summary sheet.
- c. In case of a tie, triple tie, or quadruple tie, the participant who finished with the shortest /earliest time will be declared as the "winner". In the event of another tie, the panel of experts will decide.
- d. The decision of the panel of experts is final and irrevocable.

5. **General Orientation**

- a. A general orientation to be attended only by the Division Focal Person for each contest event of the 2026 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) shall be conducted on March 3, 2026 at 4pm, at the Laoag City Hall Basketball Court, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte. All clarifications, issues, and concerns related to the 2026 RFOT shall be addressed during the orientation. Concerns raised during the actual conduct of the events shall not be entertained unless deemed valid and necessary.