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REGION I
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF VIGAN CITY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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DEFERMENT OF SPECIFIC LEARNING COMPETENCY COVERED IN MAKABANSA GRADE 1 TEXTBOOK

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors (CID and SGOD)
Public Elementary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Memorandum DM-OULS-2026-40, which pertains to the Grade 1 textbook titled, *Batang Makabansa*, developed and procured by Regions 1 and 10 in FY 2024, schools are advised to defer the teaching and classroom implementation of the specific learning competency covered under the lesson *"Pagtanggap sa Sariling Indibidwalidad,"* particularly the discussion found on page 60.

2. The deferment shall be observed until appropriate orientation and guidance have been provided to ensure that its delivery is consistent with age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate pedagogical approaches.

3. Attached is Memorandum DM-OULS-2026-40 for reference.

4. For information, guidance, and strict compliance.

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VILMA D. EDA, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

Encls: As indicated
Reference: None
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MEMORANDUM
DM-OULS-2026-407

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FROM :

CARMELA C. ORACION
Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : **MAKABANSA GRADE 1 TEXTBOOK PROCURED BY SELECT REGIONS**

DATE : September 21, 2026

This pertains to the Grade 1 textbook titled, *Batang Makabansa*, which was developed and procured by Regions 1 and 10 in FY 2024. This Office acknowledges that the said textbook underwent the prescribed evaluation, quality assurance, and procurement processes in accordance with existing Department of Education (DepEd) policies and guidelines governing the development, evaluation, quality assurance, and procurement of learning resources, including provisions of the Joint Memorandum dated March 6, 2024, titled "*Guidelines in the Utilization of*

Downloaded Program Support Funds for the Development, Printing, and Delivery of Textbooks (TXs) and Teacher's Manuals (TMs) and Provision of Electronic Textbooks and Teacher's Manuals for Grade 1."

For reference, the details of the said textbook are as follows:

Title of TX and TM:	**Batang Makabansa**
Grade level:	**1**
ISBN:	**978-971-713-439-0**
Name of publisher:	**Dane Publishing House, Inc.**
Name of printer:	**Eduresources Publishing, Inc.**

During the hearing of the Committee on Appropriations held on September 7, 2026, concerns were raised regarding certain content in *Batang Makabansa Grade 1*, particularly the discussion found page 60 under the lesson *Pagtanggap sa Sariling Indibidwalidad.*

In view of the concerns raised, the teaching of the specific learning competency covered in the said lesson is hereby temporarily suspended. Schools are advised to defer its classroom implementation until appropriate orientation and guidance have been provided to ensure its delivery is consistent with age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate pedagogical approaches.

To provide further guidance on this matter, this Office shall convene an online meeting with the Chiefs of the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) on September 23, 2026 (Wednesday) at 10:30 A.M. The meeting details shall be communicated through a separate advisory.

For guidance and strict compliance.

Copy furnished:

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