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# Department of Education
**REGION I**
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF VIGAN CITY

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**Division Memorandum**
No. 1027 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. 1498, s. 2026, titled "Conduct of 2026 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT)," the Department of Education Regional Office I, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), in cooperation with the Schools Division Office of San Fernando City, shall conduct the 2026 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) on December 8–9, 2026, exclusive of travel time, at the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP)–Region I and the Schools Division Office of San Fernando City, La Union.

2. The RFOT aims to:

a. **provide meaningful learning opportunities for learners to showcase their multiple intelligences, value-laden talents, and 21st-century skills as tangible evidence of learning across academic areas and inclusive education programs.**

b. promote the Department's core values and its goal of developing holistically formed Filipinos while strengthening learners' competencies across various creative industry domains, in support of Republic Act (RA) No. 11904, otherwise known as the "Philippine Creative Industries Development Act."

3. Enclosed are the lists of contestants and delegation officials, along with the general instructions for RFOT delegates.

4. There shall be **no registration fee** for the 2026 RFOT. Expenses for advocacy shirt, transportation in going to San Fernando City, La Union, and meals shall be charged to SEF, while other incidental costs (e.g. fare going to contest venue, materials & supplies) of learner-participants, teacher-coaches, and other official delegates shall be charged to School MOOE, canteen, PTA funds, or other eligible funding sources, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. All concerned learner-participants and teacher-coaches shall undergo the required medical check-up in preparation for their participation in the 2026 RFOT. The schedule and other pertinent details of the medical examination are provided in Enclosure No. 1. In this regard, Medical Officer Dr. Arlyn D. Batulan is requested to conduct the medical examination at the school to minimize disruptions to regular classes and ensure that instructional time is protected.

6. Learner-participants are required to secure parents' consent, which shall be collected by their respective coaches and submitted to the EPS concerned on or before

December 7, 2026. Coaches shall ensure the safety, health, and well-being of their contestants throughout the activity.

7. All concerned participants shall familiarize themselves with the general guidelines, specific contest mechanics, activity schedules, contest venues, billeting arrangements, and other pertinent information and requirements relative to the conduct of the 2026 RFOT maybe access through this link: https://tinyurl.com/2026RFOTGENERALGUIDELINES

8. Participants who are duly authorized to attend activities scheduled on regular holidays or special non-working holidays may be granted appropriate compensatory privileges, subject to existing Civil Service Commission, Department of Budget and Management, and Department of Education rules and regulations. For teacher-participants, the grant of Vacation Service Credits (VSC) shall be governed by applicable DepEd policies, particularly DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2024. For non-teaching personnel and other covered employees, the grant of Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) shall be subject to CSC-DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004, as amended, and other applicable government rules and regulations.

9. The program owners shall ensure that all documents needed for the grant of service credits to teachers and compensatory time-off for non-teaching personnel involved shall be submitted by all concerned before the end of this activity. The Education Program Supervisors involved in the activity shall be responsible for collecting all required documents, including Form 48 and the Accomplishment Report, from the concerned personnel. The program owners shall oversee the submission process and ensure that sufficient hard copies of the required forms are made available through the EPSs in-charge at the start of the activity. They shall also ensure that the request for the grant of service credit will be submitted to the office of the Schools Division Superintendent within five days after the conduct of the activity.

10. This Memorandum shall serve as the **Authority to Travel** of all participants and delegation officials. *(See attached list.)*

11. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

**VILMA D. EDA, CESO V**
Schools Division Superintendent

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Enclosure No. 1 to the Division Memorandum No. _____s. 2026

## OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS TO THE 2026 RFOT

| Activity | Name of Participants | Coach | School |
|---|---|---|---|
| Techno Fusion (Dish Gardening, Algorithm & Extension Cord Making) | 1. Fiona Mariz P. Quilenderino | 1. Editha Tabuyo | BMSE |
| | 2. Justine B. Timbreza | 2. Reynor Valderosa | VCS |
| Techno Fusion (Office Table Construction) | 3. Gelmar R. Abigania<br>4. Ian Darelle R. Rabor | 3. Joe Raffy del Castillo | ISNHS |
| Cabin Craft | 5. Jaurel Joseph Fieldad | 4. Eddie James Fernandez | ISNHS |
| Bake Cares | 6. Ma. Cassandria C. Adatan<br>7. Rizza M. Paa<br>8. Rouji P. Flores | 5. Cathrina P. Ablog<br>6. Mary Ann B. Agtutubo | ISNHS |
| Electrical Installation and Maintenance | 9. Jenwill Jerome D. Casalla<br>10. John Rey A. Tapiceria | 7. Hary Bert Briones | ISNHS |
| Savor D' Flavor | 11. Angel Sofia A. Atalin<br>12. Jean Marc Bolesa<br>13. Stephan Padre | 8. Sancelle A. Recaido<br>9. Nerissa R. De Vera | ISNHS |
| Dokyuwento | 14. Brielyn Lazo<br>15. Francess Jadine Azares<br>16. Roville Jane Espiritu | 10. Theodore Dan C. Rivero | ISNHS |
| Advocacy Pitch | 17. Isabel de Peralta<br>18. Robin Patrick Atianzar | 11. Amor T. Tabangcura<br>12. Joan Paulet Alcantara | ISNHS |
| Literary Cup | 19. Elisha Jovel Sales | 13. Angelica Bucarili | San Julian ES |
| Lingo Stars Quest | 20. Mil Jovin Jamnold K-Zar Cu<br>21. Jebram Evan Atanes<br>22. John Carl Bayuca | 14. Ryan D. Villanueva<br>15. Andrian Carl Aragoza<br>16. Mary Angeline Tablatin | ISNHS |
| PopDev Challenge | 23. Trisha Mae Parel | 17. April Joy P. Eduarte | ISNHS |
| PopDev Reason and Resolve | 24. Klint Ivho Parpali | 18. Alexander A. Pajo | VNHSE |
| PinaSayaw | 25. Jenica Mae Baustista<br>26. Ashley Joy Arce<br>27. Price Kharl Gonzales<br>28. John Carlo Amay<br>29. Lorraine Cabotaje | 19. Jayson R. Ponce<br>20. Karen A. Valdez | ISNHS |

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| | 30. Marcky Taculog<br>31. Carmela Jane Roses<br>32. CJ Pranada<br>33. Angelo Cabebe<br>34. Princess Nathalie Degamo<br>35. Wendel Urbano<br>36. Angeline Bulaon<br>37. Princess Nathalie Julio<br>38. Princess Mae Amay | | |
| Likhawitan | 39. Prince Ivan Janoras<br>40. Jensen Almazan<br>41. Maycie Janix Manggad | 21. Ruth Anthony Langbayan | ISNHS |
| CineMunti | 42. Edselivo Pineda - Editor/Technical<br>43. John Rambo Gascon- Videographer/Voice Over<br>44. Justin Hartly - actor<br>45. Danica Adlao - actress<br>46. Annieson Cadaoas - actress<br>47. Kyshia Guevarra - actress | 22. Jerick Saupan<br>23. Sheidahlyne Mae Reynon | ISNHS |
| Stemazing | **Elementary**<br>48. Liane Jeezel A. Rivero<br>49. John Carlo A. Cabael | 24. Nerissa G. Bagorio | NES |
| | **High School**<br>50. Lien Dixzel Q. Alconcel<br>51. Warren James P. Giron | 25. Lexter Supnet | ISNHS-SHS |

**SCHEDULE OF MEDICAL CHECK-UP OF PARTICIPANTS TO THE 2026 REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS**

| Date & Time | Venue | Time | Events | No. of Participants | School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| November 23, 2026 | ISNHS School Clinic | 9:00 am – 12 noon | Lingo Stars Quest | 6 | ISNHS |
| | | | Dokyuwento | 4 | ISNHS |
| | | | Electrical Installation and Maintenance | 3 | ISNHS |
| | | | STEMazing (Secondary) | 3 | ISNHS |
| | | | Bake Cares | 5 | ISNHS |
| | | | Likhawitan | 4 | ISNHS |
| | | | Table Construction | 3 | ISNHS |
| | | | Cinemunti | 8 | |
| | | | Literary Cup | 2 | ISNHS |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **38** | |
| November 26, 2026 | ISNHS School Clinic | 9:00 am-11:30 am | PinasSayaw | 16 | ISNHS |
| | | | PopDev Challenge | 2 | ISNHS |
| | | | Advocacy Pitch | 4 | ISNHS |
| | | | Savor D' Flavor | 5 | ISNHS |
| | | | Cabin Craft | 2 | ISNHS |
| | BMSE | 11:30 am 12:00 noon | Dish Gardening | 2 | BMSE |
| | NES | 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm | Stemazing (Elementary) | 3 | NES |
| | | | Reason &Resolve | 2 | VNHSE |
| | VCS | 2:15 pm – 2:25 pm | Extension Cord Making | 2 | VCS |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **38** | |

*Note; Participants are advised to bring the following documents during their scheduled medical check-up.*

a. *Parent's permit/consent*
b. *Pre-accomplished Medical History Form for learners*
c. *Printed copy of the medical certificate form.*

**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/Asst. Head of Delegation |
| 3. Marie Christine L. Natividad | Chief Education Supervisor, CID/Program Manager |
| 4. Solito S. Cortel | Education Program Supervisor-MAPEH/Record Officer |
| 5. Felipa T. Regaspi | Education Program Supervisor-Filipino/Discipline Officer (Female) |
| 6. Peter John A. Frial | Education Program Supervisor-Science/Record Officer |
| 7. Pelagio F. Cardenas | Education Program Supervisor-Math/Discipline Officer (Male) |
| 8. Nelson A. Robiñol | Education Program Supervisor-English/Cleanliness |
| 9. Edgar L. Pescador | Education Program Supervisor–Araling Panlipunan/Bus Officer |
| 10. Amelyn P. Abella | Education Program Supervisor-EPP/TLE/MESS Chairman |
| 11. Ma. Koryne P. Taborda | Welfare Officer/Asst. Food Chairman |
| 12. Allan Barrientos | Librarian /Documenter/Bus Officer/Room Officer |
| 13. Nestor Pascua | Driver |
| 14. Robert Pastor | Driver |
| 15. Michael C. Gelacio | EPS II/Secretariat/Documenter/Security/Bus Officer |

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES

1. December 7, 2026, RFOT delegation must be at the departure area at 7:30 AM
   **Departure Area: Vigan Bus Terminal (Back of VCS)**
   **Departure Time: 8:30 AM**
2. All delegates must have eaten their breakfast before proceeding to the departure area. The first meal to be served in the venue will be lunch on December 7, 2026 and the last meal is dinner of December 9, 2026.
3. Coaches and contestants shall bring their own bedding, mosquito nets, and drinking tumblers.
4. The billeting school for Vigan City Delegates shall be Ilocanos ES, San Fernando City, La Union. 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. 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.
12. Each delegate is responsible for his/her personal belongings and other valuables.
13. 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 Mrs. Felipa T. Regaspi or Mr. Pelagio F. Cardenas at their mobile numbers 09777016440/09175805050.

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**
No. 1498 s. 2026

**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 (DepEd) Regional Office I, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), in cooperation with the Schools Division Office (SDO) of San Fernando City as the host division, shall conduct the 2026 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) on December 8–9, 2026 (exclusive of travel time), at the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP)–Region I and the Schools Division Office of San Fernando City.

2. The activity aims to:

a. provide meaningful learning opportunities for learners to showcase their multiple intelligences, values-driven talents, and 21st-century skills as concrete evidence of learning across academic areas and inclusive education programs; and
b. promote the Department's core values and its goal of developing holistically formed Filipinos while strengthening learners' competencies in various creative industry domains, in support of Republic Act (RA) No. 11904, otherwise known as the "Philippine Creative Industries Development Act."

3. All participating Schools Division Offices (SDOs) shall strictly adhere to the prescribed number of delegates per division, as indicated in the attached Official Number of Delegates.

4. Participation in the 2026 RFOT shall be voluntary and shall not, in any way, compromise teachers required instructional time or time-on-task. The activities are designed to reinforce learning standards and competencies that are already integrated into classroom instruction and assessment processes.

5. All learner-participants and teacher-coaches shall submit the required medical certificates. Strict observance of applicable health and safety protocols shall likewise be ensured in all activity venues and premises to safeguard the health, safety, and well-being of all participants. Furthermore, official delegates are advised to bring their own bedding materials.

6. No registration fee shall be collected for participation in the 2026 RFOT. Expenses for materials needed for the event and exhibition, transportation, meals, and other incidental expenses of learner-participants, teacher-coaches, and other delegates shall be charged to their respective local funds or other allowable funding sources, subject to the usual government budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

7. Support funds shall be downloaded to the host SDO to cover the following expenses: meals for the Project Management Team (PMT), Technical Working Group (TWG), and judges; certificates, plaques, and tokens; supplies and materials; honoraria for judges; incidental expenses; and other necessary expenses directly related to the conduct of the activity. All expenditures shall be subject to applicable budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

8. The 2026 RFOT shall be conducted face-to-face. All pertinent information and documents, including the general guidelines, specific guidelines for each contest category, schedule of activities, contest venues, billeting schools, composition of the steering committee, required forms, and emergency contact numbers, may be accessed through this link: https://tinyurl.com/2026RFOTDrive.

9. A general orientation for the Division Focal Persons of the respective contest categories shall be conducted on November 17, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. via Google Meet. All clarifications, issues, and concerns relative to the 2026 RFOT shall be raised and addressed during the orientation. Concerns raised during the actual conduct of the events shall no longer be entertained, except in cases where such concerns are deemed valid and necessary by the concerned officials.

10. Participants who are duly authorized to attend and participate in activities scheduled on regular holidays or special non-working holidays may be granted appropriate compensatory privileges, subject to existing Civil Service Commission (CSC), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and Department of Education (DepEd) rules and regulations. For teacher-participants, the grant of Vacation Service Credits (VSC) shall be governed by applicable DepEd policies, particularly DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2024, and other relevant issuances. For non-teaching personnel and other covered officials and employees, the grant of Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) shall be subject to CSC-DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004, as amended, and other applicable government rules and regulations.

11. For inquiries or clarifications, concerned personnel may contact the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) through Dr. Dinah C. Bonao, Chief Education Supervisor, or Ms. Jackelyn R. Aguinaldo, Education Program Supervisor, at telephone number (072) 682-2324, local 120, or through email at clmd.region1@deped.gov.ph.

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

**ESTELA P. LEON-CARIÑO EdD, CESO III**
Director IV/Regional Director

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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
   f. Participation is open to learners in basic education who are:

      - currently enrolled in public or private elementary and secondary schools for SY 2026-2027;
      - currently enrolled in other inclusion programs such as Alternative Learning System (ALS), Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd), Special Needs Education (SNEd), and Madrasah Education Program (MEP) for SY 2026-2027; and
      - winners of the SY 2026-2027 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;

3. **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.

4. **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.

5. **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.