REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 79, s. 2023

8th CALABARZON GAWAD PATNUGOT

To
Regional PRAISE Committee
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Anchored on the Civil Service Commission Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) and DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2002 re: Establishing PRAISE in the DepEd, the Department of Education Region IV-CALABARZON announces the 8th CALABARZON Gawad Patnugot.

2. The 8th CALABARZON Gawad Patnugot aims to recognize outstanding and exemplary accomplishments and performance of CALABARZON teaching, teaching-related and non-teaching employees, schools, and schools division offices that contributed to the improvement of the delivery of basic education services amidst the changing times.

3. Specifically, the CALABARZON Gawad Patnugot aims to:
   a. recognize and reward the exemplary contribution of the Region’s human resources— instructional leaders, teachers, and non-teaching personnel who went beyond their call of duty to provide relevant, accessible, liberating and continuous education amidst the changing times;
   b. motivate the teaching, teaching related and non-teaching personnel to contribute to the organizational goals and objectives through increased productivity; and
   c. encourage creativity and innovativeness for an efficient and responsive delivery of quality basic education services.

4. As an advocate of Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP), the Regional PRAISE Committee welcomes all the SDOs official nominees to join the regional search irrespective of their religion or belief, physical condition, ethnicity, political affiliation, age, sex, gender, civil status, and social status.
5. The award categories for this year are:

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6. All Schools Division Offices are highly encouraged to participate in all categories and send **one official nominee** in each award category. The SDO PRAISE Committee is **advised to screen** and **evaluate** the **documents** of their official nominees before submission to the Regional Office.

7. Please be guided by the following schedule of activities and the specified dates relative to the said Search.
# Search Timeline

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<td>Deadline for submission of the electronic nomination folder to the Regional Office via @ <a href="https://bit.ly/8thGAWADPATNUGOT">https://bit.ly/8thGAWADPATNUGOT</a></td>
<td>March 6, 2023 at exactly 12:00 noon</td>
<td>Late submission of documents will not be accepted.</td>
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<td>Meeting of Gawad Patnugot (GP) Evaluation Team Members</td>
<td>March 6, 2023 1:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Orientation of GP Nominees</td>
<td>March 11, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Will be conducted on virtual platform</td>
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<td>Screening and Shortlisting Period</td>
<td>March 7-15, 2023</td>
<td>Documents that reach the 70% cut off score will proceed to Stage 2.</td>
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<td>Qualified nominees shall be notified through email and memorandum.</td>
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<td>• Evaluation of the Nomination Write-Up including required documents</td>
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<td>• Shortlisting of nominees based on the set criteria for Stage 1</td>
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<td>Submission of GP Stage 2 Qualifiers to PRAISE</td>
<td>March 16, 2023</td>
<td>PRAISE will accept feedback until March 24, 2023 at 12:00nn via email: <a href="mailto:region4a.praise@deped.gov.ph">region4a.praise@deped.gov.ph</a></td>
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<td>Announcement of GP Stage 2 Qualifiers and Call for Feedback from General Public</td>
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<td>Only nominees that have reached the 80% cut off score based on the criteria will proceed to Stage 3</td>
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<td>shall be delivered in their school.</td>
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<td><strong>Virtual Final Panel Interview of Qualified Nominees from Stage 2</strong> Those who reach the 80% cut off score shall be notified through a Memorandum for the Final Panel Interview. Interview will be conducted at NEAP Malvar</td>
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<td>Awarding Ceremony</td>
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<td>Venue: To Be Determined</td>
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8. Meals of the regional screening committee, travel expenses of the onsite validators, honorarium of the external validators and meals during the conduct of the stages of the search and expenses to be incurred during the conduct of the awarding ceremony such as meals of the attendees, trophies, certificates, supplies and materials, cash prizes, stage decoration and token of the invited keynote speaker shall be charged against local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

9. For further information and relevant queries regarding the conduct of the Search, please contact PRAISE Committee at email @ region4a.praise@deped.gov.ph attention PRAISE Secretariat or Nadina Gaton @ mobile no. 0966-364-4237; Jisela Ulpinia @ mobile no. 0927-592-0031; and Jonalyn Pattalitan @ mobile no. 0917-823-5541.

10. Attached are the Search Guidelines and Checklist of Required Documents while the Nomination Forms that can be downloaded through this link https://bit.ly/8thGawadPatnugotNominationForms.

11. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

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regional director

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The CALABARZON Gawad Patnugot Guidelines

I. Scope of the Program

The CALABARZON Gawad Patnugot, a regional program on rewards and recognition is aligned with the Civil Service Commission’s Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) and the DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2002 re: Establishing PRAISE in the DepEd.

This year, CALABARZON Gawad Patnugot Search shall focus on the outstanding and exemplary contributions or innovations of individuals who have gone beyond their call of duty, created breakthroughs, and become trailblazers in their path amidst a pandemic. In the same manner to schools and schools division offices in the delivery of their functions in providing relevant, accessible, liberating and continuous education amidst the changing time through their effective and innovative implementation of BE-LRCP/LRP.

As an Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP) advocate, the Regional PRAISE Committee welcomes all DepEd CALABARZON nominees irrespective of their age, race, sex, gender, religion, ethnic origin, or any other individual or group. These nominees include the teaching, teaching-related and non-teaching personnel holding permanent positions that brought honor and recognition to the region.

However, nominees whose nature of employment fall either under job order or contract of services, as defined in Sections 1 and 2, Rule XI of the Revised Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Personnel Actions, and those employed under extension of service are excluded from the coverage of the program.

II. Categories of Award

A. The awards for the individual category are the following:

1. Outstanding Elementary School Teacher
2. Outstanding High School Teacher
3. Outstanding Elementary School Master Teacher
4. Outstanding High School Master Teacher
5. Outstanding SPED Teacher
6. Outstanding Multigrade Teacher
7. Outstanding ALS Teacher
8. Outstanding Elementary School Principal
9. Outstanding High School Principal
10. Outstanding Education Program Supervisor
11. Outstanding Public Schools District Supervisor
12. Outstanding Teaching-Related Personnel *
13. Outstanding Non-Teaching Personnel - Level 1 **
14. Outstanding Non-Teaching Personnel - Level 2
15. Outstanding Researcher - Elementary Level
16. Outstanding Researcher - High School Level
17. Outstanding Researcher - Teaching-Related ***
18. Outstanding Researcher - Non-Teaching Personnel

B. The awards for the school category are the following:

1. Best Performing Public Elementary School
2. Best Performing Public High School
C. Below is the sole award for the division category:

1. Best Performing Schools Division Office

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<td><em>Outstanding Teaching-Related Personnel</em></td>
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<td><strong>Outstanding Non-Teaching Personnel-Level 1</strong></td>
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<td>Qualified nominees to this award are the Non-Teaching personnel such as the Administrative Aide IV (driver), Administrative Aide I (utility) and the Administrative Staff (ADA, ADAS).</td>
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<td><em><strong>Outstanding Researcher-Teaching-Related</strong></em></td>
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<td>Qualified nominees to this award are the Division Chiefs, Education Program Supervisors, Public Schools District Supervisors, Head Teachers, Guidance Counselors, School Principals, Education Program Specialists II, Senior Education Program Specialists.</td>
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III. Eligibility Requirements of Nominees

Nominated teaching, teaching-related, non-teaching personnel, schools and schools division offices shall be evaluated based on their outstanding contributions or innovations in the delivery of their functions. They must meet the following qualifications:

**Individual Category**

1. Filipino Citizen, active in the service and have rendered for not less than three (3) years of continuous service in DepEd as of deadline of submission of the nomination documents. Nominee’s accomplishments which he/she is being recognized should also be made within SY 2021-2022 for school-based personnel and CY 2022 for division office and division-based personnel.

2. Outstanding accomplishments of the nominees for Outstanding Principal shall be based on the school where they are assigned within SY 2021-2022 prior to the nomination. In the event that the nominees are transferred to another school during the Search, they shall be validated in the school where they implemented their PPAs.

3. Must not be on leave at the time of the Search.

4. Certification signed by the Administrative Officer V/IV (Personnel of SDO) that the nominee has obtained at least Very Satisfactory (VS) performance ratings for SY 2021-2022/CY 2022.

5. Has not been subjected to any form of disciplinary actions

6. No Notice of Disallowance from COA (for principals, supervisors, and non-teaching personnel level 2)
School Category

1. Certification signed by the SDS that school nominee is at least SBM Level 2 implementer for SY 2021-2022 or by the time of the Search.

2. Certification signed by the Administrative Officer V/IV (Personnel of SDO) that the School nominee has obtained at least Very Satisfactory (VS) OPCRF for SY 2021-2022.

3. Certification of No Unliquidated Cash Advances and Disallowances for previous accountabilities as of December 31 of the year prior to nomination to be secured by the HRMO from the Commission on Audit (COA) Resident Auditor. Said Certification should be signed by the agency’s COA Resident Auditor NOT the agency’s Financial Officer/Accountant. In the event that COA certification is not feasible, the SDO Accountant may certify and be noted by the SDS.

4. In case of existing unliquidated cash advance and disallowance, a certificate of the status of such financial obligation shall be issued by the COA Resident Auditor.

Division Category

1. OPCRF Rating of at least Very Satisfactory for CY 2022.

2. Certification of No Unliquidated Cash Advances and Disallowances for previous accountabilities as of December 31 of the year prior to nomination to be secured by the HRMO from the Commission on Audit (COA) Resident Auditor. Said Certification should be signed by the agency’s COA Resident Auditor NOT the agency’s Financial Officer/Accountant. In the event that COA certification is not feasible, the SDO Accountant may certify and be noted by the SDS.

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IV. Criteria for Stage 1 Evaluation

A. Individual Category:

Nominees under this category shall be subjected to the Stage 1 Criteria. The criteria are:

1. **Performance Rating (IPCRF/OPCRF) – 30 points**
   Duly signed IPCRF/OPCRF on the specified year

2. **Exemplary Behavior/Conduct Displayed - 15 points**
   Describe nominee’s adherence to one or more of the following norms: Commitment to Public Interest, Professionalism, Justness and Sincerity, Political Neutrality, Responsiveness to Public, Nationalism and Patriotism, Commitment to Democracy and Simple Living. Cite
circumstances providing such norms, risks involved and problems encountered. Attach the narrative/s given by clients.

3. **Significant Accomplishment/s within the year (SY 2021-2022/CY 2022) - 45 points**
   Description of the Contribution/s or Innovation/s done that have significantly impacted the performance of the learner/school/school community/district/schools/division or region with relevance to the current situation. Indicate problems addressed, people/office benefited, and transactions facilitated. Indicate that the accomplishments are part of the nominee’s regular functions/mandated or the product of his/her initiative. Justify why the accomplishments are considered exemplary or extraordinary.

   - **Scope of Outstanding Contribution or Innovation** - 15 points
     Discuss the coverage of the contribution or innovation. Scope and magnitude of how unique and original the contribution or innovation that has brought significant impact to education. (Certification from the immediate superior that the contribution or innovation is original and within the function shall be checked during the Stage 2 validation).

   - **Beneficiaries** - 15 points
     Discuss how many have benefited from the contribution or innovation.

   - **Impact of Contribution/Innovation** - 20 points
     Percentage of increase of performance of beneficiaries. Supporting documents shall be checked during the Stage 2 validation.

   - **Reliability of Contribution/Innovation** - 10 points
     Descriptions, explanations on the reliability of contribution or innovation. This criterion includes the following indicators:
     a. replicability of the innovation or contribution;
     b. support contributed by internal and external stakeholders to the innovation or contribution;
     c. knowledge and competence in the implementation of the innovation or contribution within the KRA;
     d. clear and concise purpose of innovation;
     e. responsive to the needs of the stakeholders/beneficiaries.

4. **Awards and Membership - 10 points**
   List or mention major awards/citations received relevant to the category and active membership in a reputable professional organization or reputable civic organization. MOVs shall be checked during the Stage 2 validation.

**B. School and Division Categories:**

Nominees under these categories shall be subjected to the Stage 1 Criteria. The criteria are:

1. **Performance Rating (OPCRF) - 30 points**
   (Duly signed OPCRF on the specified year)
2. **Significant Accomplishment/s within the year (CY 2022) - 60 points**

Description of the Contribution/s or Innovation/s done that have significantly impacted the performance of the learner/school/school community/district/schools division or region with relevance to the current situation. Indicate problems addressed, people/office benefited, and transactions facilitated. Indicate that the accomplishments are part of the nominee’s regular functions/mandated or the product of the initiative. Justify why the accomplishments are considered exemplary or extraordinary.

- **Scope of Outstanding Contribution or Innovation- 15 points**
  (Discuss the coverage of the contribution or innovation. Scope and magnitude of how unique and original the contribution or innovation that has brought significant impact to education. Certification from the immediate superior that the contribution or innovation is original and within the function shall be checked during the Stage 2 validation)

- **Beneficiaries - 10 points**
  Discuss how many have benefited from the contribution or innovation

- **Impact of Contribution or Innovation - 15 points**
  Percentage of increase of performance of beneficiaries. Supporting documents shall be checked during the Stage 2 validation

- **Provision of safe, gender-sensitive and happy working environment-10 points**
  Provide MOVs that show that the school/school division is safe, gender-sensitive and happy working environment

- **Reliability of Contribution/Innovation - 10 points**
  Descriptions, explanations on the reliability of contribution or innovation. This criterion includes the following indicators:
  a. replicability of the innovation or contribution
  b. support contributed by internal and external stakeholders to the innovation or contribution;
  c. knowledge and competence in the implementation of the innovation or contribution within the KRA;
  d. clear and concise purpose of innovation; and
  e. responsive to the needs of the stakeholders/beneficiaries

3. **Awards -10 points**

   Major awards/citations received in connection to the awards

V. **Required Nomination Documents**

Each nomination requires the submission of a **certified true copy** of the following:

A. Completely Filled-out Gawad Patnugot Nomination Form *(Maximum of 10 pages including Executive Summary and Nomination Write-Up)*
   - Gawad Patnugot (GP)Nomination Form 1- Nomination for the individual category
   - Gawad Patnugot (GP) Nomination Form 2- Nomination Form for the school category
• Gawad Patnugot (GP) Nomination Form 3- Nomination Form for the SDO category

B. Nominee’s updated Form 212 or Personal Data Sheet with passport size photo with name tag taken during the last six months prior to the nomination (For Individual Category only).

C. Certification from the Chairperson of the Division PRAISE Committee or its equivalent, that the nomination has undergone deliberation by the Committee

D. Letter from the head of office endorsing the nomination to the Regional PRAISE Committee

E. Certificate of No Pending Case (for Teaching and Related-Teaching c/o RO Legal Unit and for Non-Teaching Personnel c/o SDO Legal Officer) (For Individual Category only).

F. Self-certification of No Pending Civil and Criminal Case (For Individual Category only)

G. Certified True Copy of IPRF/OPRF (SY 2021-2022/CY 2022). Copy of the rating forms should be attached to the nomination folder.

H. Updated Service Record (For Individual Category only)

I. Updated PRC License (For Individual Category only)

J. Certification of No Unliquidated Cash Advances and Disallowances for previous accountabilities as of December 31 of the year prior to nomination to be secured by the HRMO from the Commission on Audit (COA) Resident Auditor. Said Certification should be signed by the agency’s COA Resident Auditor NOT the agency’s Financial Officer/Accountant. In the event that COA certification is not feasible, the SDO Accountant may certify and be noted by the SDS. (For Principal, Supervisors, Non-Teaching Personnel Level 2, School and SDO Categories).

K. In case of existing unliquidated cash advance and disallowance, a certificate of the status of such financial obligation shall be issued by the COA Resident Auditor.

L. Notarized certification that all information and documents submitted are true and correct (Please refer to the attached template)

Each completely filled up nomination form should be accompanied by a write-up using the Nomination Write-up form. In no case shall the write-up exceed the maximum allowable ten (10) pages of A4 size bond paper, using Bookman Old Style font #11.

Copies of annual reports, recommendations from institutions/personalities, news clippings and certificates of training, seminars and recognition, and other Means of Verification mentioned in the filled-up Nomination Form should be included in the submission of e-nomination. All the required nomination documents shall be uploaded through this link: https://bit.ly/7thGAWADPATNUGOT
VI. Write-up of Accomplishments

A. The write-up must highlight outstanding accomplishments or exemplary contributions, or innovations manifested within specified School Year or Fiscal Year. Presentation of accomplishments or contributions or innovations manifested should be in order of significance, complete with descriptions, justifications and should adhere to the following pointers:

- Use specific terms. Define/clarify terms such as “assisted”, “contributed” or “innovated”;

- State outstanding accomplishments or contributions or innovations of exemplary performance displayed and impact in brief, factual and in bullet form;

- Present impact of the significant accomplishments by responding to the indicators presented in criterion 2.

B. The following information must be adequately provided:

- For outstanding contributions or innovations, state that the accomplishments presented are part of the regular duties of the nominee or if these are his/her own initiative. Cite justifications on why the contributions or innovations are considered exceptional or extraordinary.

Limitation on Nomination

- The nomination write-up should only be for a maximum of 10 pages (A4 size bond paper, Bookman Old Style #11 font) to include the summary of accomplishments, impact, and other information.

- While there are 21 awards under the Search, a nominee should be nominated to only one award category.

VII. Procedure for Acceptance, Screening and Evaluation of Documents and Announcement of Qualified Nominees

This year’s conduct of the GP Search is open to all qualified nominees. Nomination to the Search may be done by officials, schools, or schools division offices within the DepEd CALABARZON. Previous GP individual awardees can be nominated to other individual awards. On the other hand, GP school and SDO awardees can still join and be nominated to the same awards. Hall of famers may be schools or SDOs which have been awarded for three consecutive years.

DepEd CALABARZON through the Regional PRAISE Committee shall spearhead in the acceptance, screening and evaluation of the submitted electronic nomination documents of the schools division offices. Only those who pass the Stage 1 evaluation shall be subjected to onsite/offsite validation. List of Stage 2 qualifiers shall be posted at the Regional website depedcalabarzon.ph and the official regional Facebook page DepEd R4A CALABARZON to gather feedback about the qualified nominees from the internal and external stakeholders. Please refer to the process flow chart.
VIII. Determination of Awardees

There shall be three stages of the Search.

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| Stage 1      | • Screening and Table Evaluation  

The following will be screened and evaluated based on the Stage 1 criteria:
✓ Submitted e-copy of the filled-up Nomination Form  
✓ Required Documents  
✓ Means of Verification stated in the Nomination Form |

PRAISE Secretariat  
Gawad Patnugot Evaluation Team |
| Stage 2      | • Onsite Validation, Interview and Demo-Teaching/Skills Validation  

The PRAISE sub-committee will:
✓ validate the submitted MOVs and the MOVs based on the Stage 2 criteria; and |

PRAISE Committee  
Gawad Patnugot Validation Team |
internal and external stakeholders.

The Stage 2 Qualifiers for the Teachers Awards shall proceed to the demonstration teaching in the same school where they are teaching and will deliver the lesson to their own learners. The sub-committee assigned will provide the topic/lesson to be delivered by the qualifier.

| Stage 3 | Interview with the External Stakeholders  
Stage 3 qualifiers will undergo interview with the external stakeholders. |
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The deep-selection process will help the sub-committees determine the GP awardees per award-category. Once the qualifiers in each award-category pass the cut off score, they shall be considered as GP awardees. The GP awardees with highest rating per category will receive special recognition.

**IX. Definition of Terms**

**Beneficiaries.** These are learners, teachers, learning leaders, parents, schools, community stakeholders that receive help or benefits from innovations or contributions of nominee/s.

**Innovation.** This refers to something new or to a change made to an existing product, idea, or field.  

**Contribution.** This refers to the giving or supplying of something that plays a significant part in making something happen.  

**Non-Teaching Personnel-Level 1.** These are personnel who are either Administrative Aide IV (driver), Administrative Aide I (Utility) and the Administrative Staff (ADA, ADAS).

**Non-Teaching Personnel Level 2.** These include Librarian I, Senior Bookkeeper and Disbursing Officer II, Administrative Officer, Information Technology Officer (ITO), Project Development Officer, Planning Officer, Medical Officer, Dentist, Engineer, nurse, (Source: DepEd Order No. 77, s. 2010)

**Teaching Personnel.** These include Teacher I for pre-elementary, elementary and secondary education, alternative learning system, Madrasah, technical-vocational education and Special Education Teacher I for special education classes.  
(source: DepEd Order No. 77, s. 2010)
Teaching-Related Personnel. These are personnel who are either Division Chiefs, Education Program Supervisors, Public Schools District Supervisors, Head Teachers, Guidance Counselors, school principals, Education Program Specialists II, Senior Education Program Specialists.

(sources: DepEd Order No. 77, s. 2010, DepEd Order. 66, s. 2007)

X. Grounds for Disqualification of Nominations

A. Non-compliance with the submission of complete documentary requirements shall render the nominee ineligible for the Search (deadline, accuracy and completeness of information required in the nomination form, maximum number of pages for the accomplishment write-up, clearances, and other required documents). Nominations with incomplete documents shall no longer be processed and the nominee shall receive a letter of disqualification from the PRAISE Committee.

B. Any misrepresentation made in any of the documents submitted shall be a ground for disqualification and for disciplinary action against the certifying nominee/authority pursuant to applicable CSC laws and rules.

XI. A Grounds for Stripping of Award

The Regional PRAISE Committee has the right to revoke the award of a Gawad Patnugot awardee of the current year if found to display an unbecoming behavior as a public servant and proven based on evidence. He/She is disqualified to join the search within 3 years upon revocation of the title.

XII. Submission of Nomination

Nominations to the 7th CALABARZON GAWAD PATNUGOT must be submitted in electronic copy following this format SDO_name_award (e.g. laguna_jcruz_multigrade) through this link @ https://bit.ly/8thGAWADPATNUGOT not later than March 6, 2023 at 12:00 noon.