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**Regional Memorandum**  
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**2026 CALABARZON EDUCATIONAL RESEARCHERS' CONFERENCE (CERCon)**

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In reference to DepEd Order No. 16, s. 2017 (Research Management Guidelines) which supports and strengthens evidence-based decision-making through research, this Office through the Regional Research Committee (RRC) announces the conduct of the **2026 CALABARZON Educational Researchers Conference (CERCON)** with the theme **"Research and Digital Action: Paving CALABARZON's Pathways to Accelerated, Collaborative and Future-ready Quality Basic Education"** in May 2026 to be co-hosted by the Schools Division of Cavite Province.
2. The conference aims to:
  - a. disseminate high-quality research findings that address current challenges in the CALABARZON educational landscape;
  - b. strengthen the research capabilities of teaching and non-teaching personnel through peer exchange; and
  - c. foster collaboration between schools, divisions, and external stakeholders for sustainable educational development.
3. Participation is open to all educational leaders, supervisors, school heads, teaching and non-teaching personnel, and research enthusiasts from both public and private basic education institutions across the region.
4. Prospective researchers must align their studies with the priority themes of the Basic Education Research Agenda (BERA), specifically **Teaching and Learning, Governance, Human Resource Development, Child Protection, and Cross-cutting Themes ((DRRM, GAD and Inclusive Education)**, to ensure direct contribution to and alignment with the QBEDP Strategic Directions of pivoting to quality, expanding access, and modernizing education governance.
5. Submitted research projects must have been completed within the School Year 2024–2025, presenting findings that drive evidence-based initiatives aligned with the QBEDP strategic goals of expanding access to comprehensive education, elevating instructional quality, and fostering transparent, engaged governance; please note that entries failing to adhere to the prescribed structure or thematic relevance will be disqualified.
6. Abstracts must be limited to 200–250 words and structured to include a clear Purpose (objectives), Methodology (design, sampling, and data analysis tools),



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Findings (analysis and discussion), and Conclusions and Recommendations (significant results and actionable insights), followed by a list of italicized keywords to facilitate indexing and retrieval.

7. Research abstracts must be submitted to Senior Education Program Specialists (SEPSs) for Planning and Research on or before February 31, 2026, with the PDF file strictly following the naming convention: 2026-Division Code\_Research Agenda Code\_Participant Number (e.g., 2026-ANT\_TAL\_0001).

Division	Code
Antipolo City	ANT
Bacoor City	BAC
Batangas City	BTC
Batangas Province	BAT
Biñan City	BIN
Cabuyao City	CAB
Calaca City	CLC
Calamba City	CAL
Carmona City	CAR
Cavite City	CAC
Cavite Province	CAV
Dasmariñas City	DAS
General Trias City	GNT

Division	Code
Imus City	IMU
Laguna Province	LAP
Lipa City	LIP
Lucena City	LUC
Quezon Province	QUE
Rizal Province	RZL
San Pablo City	SNP
San Pedro City	SAP
Sta. Rosa City	STR
Sto. Tomas City	STT
Tanauan City	TAN
Tayabas City	TAY

Research Agenda	Code
Teaching and Learning	TAL
Governance	GOV
Human Resource Development	HRD
Child Protection	CHP
Cross-cutting Themes	CCT

Each SEPS in Planning and Research will be given a link for submission of the Schools Division Research Committee (SDRC)-evaluated research abstract.

8. Others details including the timelines, preparation activities, official list of accepted research papers, exact venue, etc. will be announced in separate communications.
9. For queries and other concerns, kindly contact Mr. Randie B. Atienza, Education Program Supervisor, through email [pprd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph](mailto:pprd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph) or call (02)8682- 2114 local 470-471.
10. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

  
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