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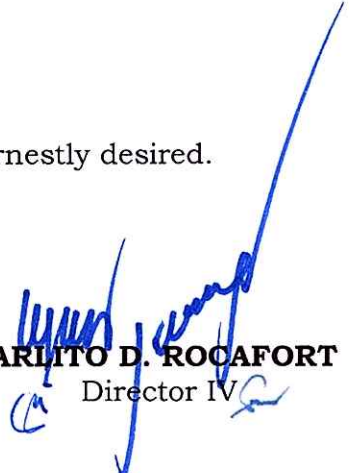
Regional Memorandum
No. 493, s. 2026

**PARTICIPATION IN THE CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL
RESEARCH DISSEMINATION AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES ON INTERNATIONAL
LARGE-SCALE ASSESSMENTS (ILSAs)**

To **Schools Division Superintendents**
All other concerned

1. Pursuant to Memorandum OM-OUL-2026-07 dated July 16, 2026 the Department of Education through the Bureau of Education Assessment-Education Research (BEA-ERD) will hold a **National Research Dissemination and Technical Assistance Activities on International Large-Scale Assessments (ILSAs)**, which will be conducted on **July 28-30, 2026** at **Baguio Teachers' Camp in Baguio City**.
2. The activity aims to communicate and share the significant findings of completed national research projects and the results of International Large-Scale Assessments (ILSAs), as well as provide technical assistance to Assessment Focal Persons from division and regional offices on how to properly handle and analyze ILSA data.
3. The target participants in this activity are the Assessment Focal Persons from Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and Regional Office (ROs). They are requested to bring their own laptops and extension cords, which will be used during the technical assistance activities. They are likewise reminded to strictly follow the indicative program of activities (See Annex 2) as basis for their arrival and departure. Further the identified participants are requested to pre-register through this link <https://forms.office.com/r/px1miyci8H> to confirm their participation.
4. The accommodation of participants, including full-board meals, shall be charged against the **2026 National Assessment Systems for Basic Education (NASBE)** funds of the BEA-ERD while transportation and incidental expenses shall be charged to the downloaded Program Support Funds (PSF), subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is earnestly desired.



CARLITO D. ROCAFORT
Director IV

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MEMORANDUM

OM-OULS-2026-07_

FOR : BUREAU AND SERVICE DIRECTORS
REGIONAL DIRECTORS
BARMM MINISTER OF EDUCATION
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

FROM : **JANIR T. DATUKAN**, 
Assistant Secretary
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : INVITATION TO THE CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL
DISSEMINATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
ACTIVITIES ON INTERNATIONAL LARGE-SCALE
ASSESSMENTS (ILSAs)

DATE : July 16, 2026

The Bureau of Education Assessment-Education Research Division (BEA-ERD) will hold a **National Research Dissemination and Technical Assistance Activities on International Large-Scale Assessments (ILSAs)**, which will be conducted in two batches: **Batch 1: Luzon Group, from July 28 to 30, 2026, at Baguio Teachers' Camp, Baguio City;** and **Batch 2: Visayas and Mindanao Group, from August 4 to 6, 2026, at DepEd Cebu Eco-Tech Center, Cebu City.** This activity aims to communicate and share the significant findings of completed national research projects and the results of International Large-Scale Assessments (ILSAs), as well as provide technical assistance to Assessment Focal Persons from division and regional offices on how to properly handle and analyze ILSA data.

The target participants in this activity are the Assessment Focal Persons from Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and Regional Offices (Ros), as well as selected specialists from identified units and bureaus in the Central Office (*see Annex 1*).

The accommodation of participants, including full-board meals, shall be charged to the **2026 National Assessment Systems for Basic Education (NASBE)** funds of the BEA-



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ERD. Program Support Funds (PSF) for transportation and incidental expenses have already been downloaded to the Regional Offices, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Participants are requested to bring their own laptops and extension cords, which will be used during the technical assistance activities. They are likewise reminded to strictly follow the indicative program of activities (*see Annex 2*) as the basis for their arrival and departure.

Further, the identified participants are requested to pre-register through the link or QR code below on or before **July 20, 2026** to confirm their participation.



<https://forms.office.com/r/px1miyci8H>

Please find attached following documents related to this activity:

- Annex 1: Summary of Attendees from the SDOs, ROs, and CO
- Annex 2: Indicative Program of Activities
- Annex 3: Guidelines on the Use of the Downloaded NASBE-PSF

For further details and inquiries regarding this activity, please contact the BEA-ERD through (02) 8631-6921 or via email at bea.erd@deped.gov.ph.

For your information and compliance.



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National Research Dissemination and Technical Assistance Activities on ILSAs
 Summary of Attendees

A. Central Office

BEA Personnel			
No.	Office	No. of Participants	
		Batch 1	Batch 2
1.	BEA-Office of the Director	2 pax	2 pax
2.	BEA-ERD TWG	10 pax	10 pax
Central Office Participants			
1.	Public Affairs Service	2 pax	2 pax
2.	Bureau of Curriculum Development	2 pax	2 pax
3.	Bureau of Learning Resources	1 pax	2 pax
4.	Bureau of Learning Delivery	2 pax	2 pax
5.	Bureau of Alternative Education	2 pax	2 pax
6.	Bureau of Education Assessment-EAD	2 pax	2 pax
7.	PPS-EMISD	1 pax	1 pax
8.	PPS-PPRD	1 pax	1 pax
Total		25 pax	26 pax

B. Field Office -Assessment Data Focal Person (1 pax/RO and 1 pax/DO)

Batch	No.	Region	Number of Participants		
			Regional Office (RO)	Division Office (DO)	Total
Batch 1 (Luzon Group) July 21-23, 2026 Baguio Teacher's Camp	1.	Region I	1	14	15
	2.	Region II	1	9	10
	3.	Region III	1	21	22
	4.	Region IV-A	1	25	26
	5.	Region IV-B	1	7	8
	6.	Region V	1	13	14
	7.	Region CAR	1	8	9
	8.	Region NCR	1	16	17
(Batch 1) Sub-total			8	113	121
Batch 2 (Visayas-Mindanao Group) August 4-6, 2026 DepEd Eco-Tech, Cebu City	9.	Region VI	1	8	9
	10.	Region VII	1	12	13
	11.	Region VIII	1	13	14
	12.	NIR	1	21	22
	13.	Region IX	1	9	10
	14.	Region X	1	14	15
	15.	Region XI	1	11	12
	16.	Region XII	1	8	9
	17.	Caraga	1	12	13
	18.	BARMM	1	10	11
(Batch 2) Sub-total			10	118	128
Grand Total			18 pax	230 pax	248 pax



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National Research Dissemination and Technical Assistance Activities on ILSAs
 Indicative Program of Activities

Time	Batch 1	Batch 2
	Day 1: July 28, 2026	Day 1: August 4, 2026
	Activity	
8:00 AM – 12:00 NN	Arrival of Participants and Registration AM Snack	
12:00 NN – 1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Opening Program Opening Preliminaries Welcome Remarks Message	
2:00 PM-2:15 PM	BREAK	
2:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Session 1: BEA-ERD Research Mandates Session 2: Technical Assistance 1	
5:30 PM onwards	DINNER	
Time	Batch 1	Batch 2
	Day 2: July 29, 2026	Day 2: August 5, 2026
	Activity	
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Opening Preliminaries	
8:30 AM-9:30 AM	Session 3: National Research Projects Open Forum	
9:30 AM-10:30 AM		
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	BREAK	
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Session 4: National Assessments Open Forum	
12:00 NN – 1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Session 5: ILSA Research Study Open Forum	
3:00 PM-3:15 PM		
3:15 PM-5:00 PM	DINNER	
5:30 PM onwards		
Time	Batch 1	Batch 2
	Day 3: July 30, 2026	Day 3: August 6, 2026
	Activity	
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Preliminaries	
8:30 AM-12:00 NN	Session 6: Technical Assistance (Breakout Session) Breakout Session 1: Data Visualization Breakout Session 2: Analyzing ILSA Data-	
12:00 NN-1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00PM-3:00 PM	Closing Program Ways Forward Closing Remarks	
3:00 PM ONWARDS	Departure	



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MEMORANDUM
OM-OULS-2026-

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
Region I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII,
NCR, CAR, CARAGA, & NIR

FROM : *Carmela Oracion*
CARMELA C. ORACION
Undersecretary
Learning Systems Strand *[Signature]*

SUBJECT : **GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS (PSF) FOR THE CONDUCT OF NATIONAL DISSEMINATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES ON INTERNATIONAL LARGE-SCALE ASSESSMENTS (ILSAS)**

DATE : **June 10, 2026**

I. Purpose

The Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013 (Republic Act No. 10533) outlines the mandates of the Department of Education (DepEd) to evaluate and improve the quality of education to meet global standards. In line with these mandates, the issuance of Policy Guidelines on System Assessment in the K to 12 Basic Education Program (DepEd Order No. 29, s. 2017) delineated and provided an overview of social acceptance in participating in International Large-Scale Assessment (ILSAs) assessments per key stage, such as the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS), and Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM).

Hence, the results gathered from ILSAs data feed into the assessment of DepEd, as stipulated in the Policy Guidelines on the K to 12 Basic Education Program (DepEd Order No. 021, s. 2019). Further, it measures the effectiveness of the country's educational system. It is designed to determine the degree to which the system goals are achieved across regions, curricular areas, and learners. It also provides evidence and data that may be used for monitoring and evaluation.

The BEA-ERD serves as the National Center for SEA-PLM and PISA. SEA-PLM examines the foundational learning of Grade 5 learners in reading, writing, and



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mathematics. On the other hand, PISA measures the functional literacy of 15-year-old students in reading, mathematics, and science. Both collect contextual data to have a deeper understanding of the factors influencing their performance. Contextual analysis is being conducted by BEA-ERD to provide curriculum framers and policymakers with evidence-based data for curriculum enhancement and policy development.

This 2026, the BEA-ERD will conduct **National Dissemination and Technical Assistance Activities on International Large-Scale Assessments (ILSAs)** for **Batch 1 (Luzon Group)** on **July 21-23, 2026** at **Baguio Teachers Camp, Baguio City** and for **Batch 2 (Visayas-Mindanao Group)** on **August 4-6, 2026** at **Cebu Eco-Tech, Cebu City**. This aims to communicate the significant findings from completed national research projects and the results of ILSA. Additionally, technical assistance will be provided to participants in handling and utilizing ILSA data.

In relation to this, **NASBE Program Support Funds (PSF)** will be used as support funds. This Bureau shall download PSF to Regional Offices (ROs) following the implementation timeline of activities related to national dissemination and technical assistance activities on ILSAs. The ROs are authorized to download funds to the concerned School Division Offices (SDOs). The PSF allotment covers travel expenses and incidental expenses during the activity.

II. Target Participants

The participants in this activity will include the Assessment Data Focal Persons from the Regional and School Division field offices across the country and select specialists from Central Office. (*Annex 2: Summary of Attendees*).

III. Program Support Funds

The support funds shall include the travel and incidental expenses of the personnel from the Regional and Schools Division Offices. The travel expenses will be computed in consideration of the participant's work station, and mode of transportation requirements for travel, in accordance with the Executive Order No. 77, s. 2019 (Prescribing Rules and Regulations and Rates of Expenses and Allowances for Official Local and Foreign Travels of Government Personnel).

a. Travel expenses

Each participant shall receive funds for travel expenses based on their mode of transportation.

b. Incidental expenses



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Each participant is entitled to claim their incidental expense incurred in the workshop. All related expenses shall be subject to existing procurement, budget, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Any excess amount or resulting balance may be utilized for expenses related to the implementation of activities related to International Large-Scale Assessment (ILSAs), subject to existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations. For this purpose, "related expenses" shall refer to those that contribute to a common particular outcome aligned with the objective of this issuance, specifically involving operational requirements or support services essential to program delivery. These may include:

- a. Procurement of semi-expendable items (goods below the capitalization threshold);
- b. Conduct of workshops and capacity building activities;
- c. Travel expenses; and
- d. Other day-to-day operational needs directly supporting program implementation.

IV. Fund Validity

The total budget amounting to **Php 2,714,690.00** shall be sourced from the FY 2026 current allotment for the NASBE program. The Regional Offices (ROs) and Division Offices (Dos) shall ensure that the funds are obligated and disbursed until December 31, 2027 pursuant to the National Budget Circular (NBC) No. 599 (Guidelines on the Release of Funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026). The utilization of funds shall be in accordance with the existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations.

For more information, please contact the Bureau of Education Assessment-Education Research Division (BEA-ERD), 2nd Floor, Dorm D, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, through email at bea.erd@deped.gov.ph or telephone number (02) 8631-2591.

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Annex 1: Summary of Downloading of Funds for Transportation and Other Expenses- Regional Field Offices

Batch	Region	Amount
Batch 1 (Luzon Group) July 21-23, 2026 at Baguio Teachers Camp. Baguio City	Region I	86,700.00
	Region II	99,700.00
	Region III	135,520.00
	Region IV-A	192,760.00
	Region IV-B	91,280.00
	Region V	220,440.00
	CAR	61,040.00
	NCR	118,320.00
	Sub-total	1,005,760.00
Batch 2 (Visayas- Mindanao Group) August 4-6, 2026 at Cebu Eco-Tech, Cebu City.	Region VI	138,240.00
	Region VII	68,340.00
	Region VIII	215,040.00
	NIR	229,220.00
	Region IX	172,800.00
	Region X	236,850.00
	Region XI	188,170.00
	Region XII	186,740.00
	Caraga	273,530.00
	Sub-total	1,708,930.00
	Total	2,714,690.00