Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region XII
Schools Division Office of Tacurong City

25 November 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
CID-2026-__198__

PARTICIPANTS OF SDO TACURONG CITY FOR THE REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT) 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Functional Division Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Cluster Heads
Elementary and Secondary School Administrators
Public, Private Schools, and SUCs
This Division

1. In consonance with Regional Memoranda Nos. 100, s. 2026 and 343, s. 2026 regarding the conduct of the Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) 2026, to be held in Polomolok, South Cotabato on December 7–9, 2026, this Office issues this memorandum to announce the official participants to the different contest events.

2. The complete list of Official Participants is set out in Annex A attached to this memorandum.

3. All participants are reminded of the following:
a) Wear appropriate and presentable attire for the full duration of the event, plain white T-shirts without collar during the competition, except for other special events which requires costumes, and Musabaqah participants where they can wear their Muslim attire.
b) Personal bedding and toiletries;
c) Personal prescription medication and basic first-aid supplies.

4. Learner registration in the amount of One Thousand Pesos (PhP 1,000.00), transportation to and from the venue, delegation shirts, meals, and snacks for all participants shall be charged against the Special Education Fund (SEF) of the Local Government Unit of Tacurong City, subject to applicable accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. Teaching and Division personnel who participate in this event shall be entitled to Service Credits or Compensatory Time Off (CTO), pursuant to DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 - Updated Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Credits to Teachers should the event fall on weekends, regular holidays, special non-working holidays, or during official school breaks.

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6. For further questions or concerns, you may contact Romulo C. Ventura Jr., Division RFOT Focal Person thru romulo.ventura@deped.gov.ph or at 09335533285.

7. Attached for reference are copies of Regional Memoranda Nos. 100, s. 2026 and 343, s. 2026 on the conduct of the RFOT 2026.

8. Immediate and widest dissemination of this memorandum is requested.

CARLOS G. SUSARNO, PhD, CESO VI
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: As stated (Annex A)
Reference: RM No. 100, s. 2026 and No. 343, s. 2026
Allotment: SEF
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
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Annex A:

SDO Tacurong Official Participants to the Regional Festival Of Talents (RFOT) 2026
Polomolok, South Cotabato
December 7-9, 2026

EVENT	School/Cluster	Contestant/s	Coach
STEMazing	North Cluster	Trixon Zoey T. Azucena Sophia Jane F. Panes	Froilan C. Palomo
Story Resolution Challenge	Tacurong Pilot Elementary School Central Tacurong Cluster	Jibreel D. Cacanando	Ezer Care D. Peralta
Techno Fusion	New Isabela Central Elementary school/West Tacurong Cluster	Jynryx lleveighn F. Fortit Kendrick D. Sanke	Henry M. Fortit Jasmine C. Carrera
Kasaysayan Quiz	Tacurong Pilot Elementary School Central Tacurong Cluster	Xian LJ Umpa	Garyben L. Sembrano
MUSABAQAH Calligraphy	Tacurong Pilot Elementary School Central Tacurong Cluster	Jurhaina Kandog	Norodin L. Sagadan
QUIZ BEE	Tacurong Pilot Elementary School Central Tacurong Cluster	Rania S. Calimbol Ashadieeyah E. Salendab Azmyerah Janine N. Kansi	Noraisa A. Alim
Harf Touch	Tacurong Pilot Elementary School Central Tacurong Cluster	Jehan S. Blah	Nawaf Kamid
IMLAH/SPELLING	New Isabela Central Elementary School/ West Tacurong Cluster	Muhajer S. Asimpen	Londaria Z. Andal

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EVENT	School/Cluster	Contestant/s	Coach
ADHAAN	Amado Fernandez Sr. Central Elementary School/ East Tacurong Cluster	Fawwaz C. Kabteg	Omar K. Salik
QUR'ANIC READING	Amado Fernandez Sr. Central Elementary School/East Tacurong Cluster	Faidz C. Kabteg	Salihben M. Guiamalon
NASHEĒHA	Amado Fernandez Sr. Central Elementary School/East Tacurong Cluster	Harley Adah H. Mamaluba	Athea Ibrahim
TECHNOVATORS Bake Cares	Virginia F. Griño National High School	Jessica G. Pacheco Jeanne C. Villaruel Russell Van C. Rulona	Allen Rose B. Bueno Rosette C. Rulona
Savor D' Flavor	Tacurong National High School	Josiah Beloi I. Panes Jojo D. Batua Michelle N. Afante	Resa Jane B. Dela Cruz John Rex D. Gardose
EIM CircuitX	Tacurong National High School	Elijah Ryll G. Legario Vhic Jhaver B. Silva	Anthony Jay F. Quintero (Coach)
HISTOPOP	Tacurong National Highschool	Blessy Grace R. Aguillon	Rhodora D. Guiang
Reason and Resolve	Sultan Kudarat State University Laboratory High School	Chloe Marielle Gamboa	April Mae A. Marcella
STEMAZING (Science Sec.)	Tacurong National Highschool	Red Vincent T. Javier Criszelle Kaye B. Legaspi	Johna Jane C. Fuentes
DokyuWento	Tacurong National Highschool	Darvin Rain H. Bantilan Anika Gabrielle T. Marcos Kisha Summer L. Famulag	April I. Londres

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EVENT	School/Cluster	Contestant/s	Coach
Likhawitan	Tacurong National Highschool	Kristin Rhiley Rhayne Viola Jacovah Franchezka A. Dela Victoria Andrei Mikael A. Asturias	Joshua Lander S. Cadayona
Advocacy Pitch	Sultan Kudarat State University Laboratory High School	Earl Jason T. Causing Aianne Arabela D. Estudillo	Jeeb T. Abelito
Immersive Reading	Sultan Kudarat State University Laboratory High School	Princess Jellian C. Pirote	Chisel Fe Kinah O. Agustin
Cine-Munti	Sultan Kudarat State University	Arjelle Jake R. Docusin Ej Louie L. Recafuente Honey Queen C. Muyco Zaira Nicca T. Apresto Andria Jade S. Duruin Maha J. Lamalan	Norhata P. Malugayak
PinaSayaw	Tacurong National High School	Ron David D. Tabura Mark Lennon A. Vergara Khaiser Gerald V. Abboc Al- Jayyad A. Alim Abdulrahman A. Balani Kent Gerard N. Magbanua John Riel D. Dajay Vlademir E. Adil Jowanee L. Ledesma	Jeoffre P. Araña jr. Chonna A. Echalar

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		Josephine M. Marcelino Angel B. Subrida Hanni B. Barrios Hersha Lyl L. Hortilano Bleisha Kate L. Pauya	

Name	Position/Designation	Station	Role
Carlos G. Susarno, PhD, CESO VI	SDS	Schools Division Office	Head of Delegation
Ayesha P. Piñol	ASDS	Schools Division Office	Head of Delegation
Mayflor D. Romualdo	SGOD Chief	Schools Division Office	Head of Delegation
Randy E. Porras	CID Chief	Schools Division Office	Head of Delegation
Romulo C. Ventura, Jr.	SDO EPP/TLE Coordinator	Schools Division Office	SDO RFOT Focal Person
Rona N. Tacot	EPS-MAPEH	Schools Division Office	MAPEH Events Focal
Rona L. Bred	EPS- Mathematics	Schools Division Office	Mathematics Events Focal
Ronald A. Pelitro	EPS-English	Schools Division Office	English Events Focal
Cesar Q. Antolin	EPS-Araling Panlipunan	Schools Division Office	Araling Panlipunan Events Focal
Mary Ann C. Umadhay	EPS-Filipino	Schools Division Office	Filipino Events Focal
Pamela C. Jamias	EPS-Science	Schools Division Office	Science Events Focal
Joseph R. Pilotos	EPS-GMRC/Values Ed.	Schools Division Office	SNED Events Focal
Bernard A. Antolo	EPS-ALS	Schools Division Office	ALS Events Focal
Mohani A. Paguital	SEPS	Schools Division Office	Mosabaqah Events Focal

Jannah Angela D. Dumadag, RN	SDO Nurse	Schools Division Office	Medical Team
Jonalee Y. Arquiza, RN	SDO Nurse	Schools Division Office	Medical Team
Jeriel Edell V. Clarito	Admin Aid	Schools Division Office	RFOT Secretatiat
Marfelyn V. Fulgar	Admin Aid	Schools Division Office	RFOT Secretatiat
Gilbert B. Bañas	Teacher-III	Tacurong Pilot Elem. School	SDO LPO
Bryan Clark D. Emblawa	Teacher VI	Tacurong Pilot Elem. School	SNED Documenter
Jupeter G. Mosqueda	Teacher-III	New Isabela CES-ALS	ALS Documenter
Delia P. Eliarda	SDO Librarian	Schools Division Office	SDO Documenter
Dayanara G. Mosqueda	Admin Aid	Schools Division Office	SDO Documenter
Genesis D. Sucaldito	Driver	Schools Division Office	Driver
Wendell D. Balabagan	Driver	Schools Division Office	Driver
Nilo A. Codilla	Driver	Schools Division Office	Driver
Nothing Follows			

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16 Nov 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 343 s. 2026

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE CONDUCT OF THE REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT) 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. This is in reference to Regional Memorandum No. 100 s. 2026 on Conduct of the Regional Festival of Talents to be held at Polomolok, South Cotabato on December 7-9, 2026.

2. The extended deadline for Registration submission of names of RFOT qualifiers and payment at the Cashier's Office, DepEd SOCCSKSARGEN Regional Office, Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal shall be on **November 26, 2026.**

3. This is to clarify that **only the learners are required to register.**

4. An orientation of the Technical Working Group (TWG) shall be conducted on November 23, 2026, meeting link will be sent to the respective SDO FOT Focal.

5. See the following enclosures for reference:

Enclosure 1:	List of Members of the Technical Working Group
Enclosure 2:	Contest Venues
Enclosure 3:	Billeting Quarters
Enclosure 4:	Opening and Closing Program

6. DepEd personnel who are required to render services during holidays shall be granted appropriate compensation in the form of Service Credits for teaching personnel and Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) for non-teaching/office personnel, subject to existing DepEd policies, guidelines, and applicable civil service rules and regulations.

7. For any inquiries or clarifications, you may contact Ildefonso E. Libdan, Jr. at ildefonsojr.libdan@deped.gov.ph

8. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II
Regional Director

Enclosure: As stated
Reference: RM No. 100 s. 2026
Allotment: Madrasah Education Program, CLMD GASS Funds, SNED, 2026 RFOT Registration
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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IEL/CLMD/RM- TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO THE CONDUCT OF THE REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT) 2026 THE CONDUCT OF THE REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT) 2026
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List of Members of the Technical Working Group

No.	Name	Designation	Terms of References
1	Atty. Alberto T. Escobarte	Regional Director	Top Management
2	Kathrine H. Lotilla	Assistant Regional Director	Top Management
3	Shienna Lyn L. Antenor	Chief-CLMD	Top Management/Program
4	Emily F. Enolpe	Chief-HRDD	Top Management
5	Ma. Jeanette Delima	Chief-FD	Top Management
6	Glenn B. Bisnar	Chief-PPRD	Top Management
7	Magdaleno Duhilag Jr.	Chief-ESSD	Top Management
8	Michael A. Poblador	Chief-FTAD	Top Management
9	Joseph Russel Farnazo	Chief-AD	Top Management
10	Ildefonso E. Libdan, Jr.	EPS/Event Manager	Lingo Stars/RFOT Focal
11	Crisanto M. Bulado	EPS/Event Manager	Technolympics
12	Leonardo B. Mission	EPS/Event Manager	Dokyuwento
13	Jade T. Palomar	EPS/Event Manager	Histopop
14	Maria Isabel R. Cunanan	EPS/Event Manager	Sining Tanghalan
15	Cynthia G. Diaz	EPS/Event Manager	SNED
16	Regan B. Dagadas	EPS/Event Manager	Musabaqah
17	Dantly S. Villanueva	EPS/Event Manager	Stemazing Secondary
18	Jay-ar S. Lipura	EPS/Event Manager	Stemazing Elementary
19	Dr. Edelyn Grace A. Jamila	ESSD	Lead-Medical Team
22	Aldwin B. Opre	ORD	Lead-Documentation, LED, Video Coverage, Publication Team and Live FB Coverage
23	Levi Carla E. Villanueva	ORD	Documentation
24	Charl Lorenz B. Nadela	ORD	Documentation
25	Kimber Mae L. Agpalsa	ORD	Documentation
26	Darlene Cris A. Dela Torre	ORD	Documentation
27	Ricardo B. Custodio	ORD	Documentation

29	Christian Al prince D. Solon	South Cotabato Division	Documentation
30	Marlowe June Amiller	CLMD	Lead Secretariat/Attendance/Tabulation
31	Rodolf Castro	CLMD	Member Secretariat/Awards
32	John Robles	CLMD	Member Secretariat/Awards
	Caera Desamynn C. Ripdos	SDO Sarangani	Lay-out Artist
33	Felmar Roy Adam	FD	Story Resolution/Advocacy Pitch/ Immersive Reading
34	Cheryl Villa	FD	Finance
35	Mary Jane Alvarado	FD	Finance
36	Lydia Initan	Cash	Finance
37	Mariel Maquiling	Cash	Finance
38	Marissa Rosal	Cash	Finance
41	Jeanith Militante	CLMD	Lead, Food Distribution
42	Johnny Maniago	CLMD	Food Distribution
43	Joe Marie Parmisana	CLMD	Food Distribution
44	Arturo D. Tingson, Jr.	CLMD	Lead Transportation
45	Nino D. Jacobe	Lake Sebu East	Transportation
46	Nathaniel F. Bangoc II	QAD	QATAME Lead
47	Judie Dela Cruz	FTAD	Ushering and Reception Lead
48	Blessy Joie Barnuevo	SDOSC-SGOD	TWG, Lingo Stars; Ushering and Reception
49	Jenie Rose M. Inojales	SDO South Cotabato	Master of Ceremony-Opening and Closing Program
50	Erhardie Priel B. Tejero	SDO South Cotabato	Master of Ceremony-Opening Closing Program
53	Agney C. Taruc	FTAD	DRRM Focal
54	Margareth L. Sobejano	ESSD	LRPO
55	Jonathan S. Dela Pena	Tupi NHS	TWG, Lingo Stars
56	Reylene D. Buhat	Juan Loreto Tamayo IS	TWG, Lingo Stars
57	Allan Formacion	Punong Grande NHS	TWG, Technolympics
58	Jeanryl N. Silvino	Lamian NHS	TWG, Technolympics
59	Vicente Garces	Lambayong IS	TWG, Technolympics
60	Leo Borra	Lapuz NHS	TWG, Technolympics
61	Sandy Magno	Malaya NHS	TWG, Technolympics
62	Marlon Baderas	Rizal 3 ES	TWG, Technolympics
63	Marlene R. Juan	Tantangan CES	TWG, Musabaqah

64	Emilia C. Binghoy	New Iloilo ES	TWG, Musabaqah
65	Petche M. Hadjinor	Sumbakil ES	TWG, Musabaqah
66	Henry John F. Villaluna	Simsiman ES	TWG, Musabaqah
67	Jinely P. Tuante	Bentung ES	TWG, Musabaqah
68	Girlie L. Siosana	Upper Sepaka IS	TWG, Musabaqah
69	Lea M. Ortiz	Santos Hill ES	TWG, Musabaqah
70	Norayna Y. Delmundo	Palian ES	TWG, Musabaqah
71	Jane B. Cabarlo	Tupi CES	TWG, Musabaqah
72	Feben T. Trespeces	Block 3 ES	TWG, Musabaqah
73	Maricar V. Coronel	Sto. Nino CES	TWG, Musabaqah
74	Albert S. Dala	Lamsolome IS	TWG, Musabaqah
75	Arnold A. Amoyan	Magon ES	TWG, Musabaqah
76	Gilbert O. Yanson	New Lambunao IS	TWG, Musabaqah
77	Ellen Mendoza	Lote ES	TWG, Histopop
78	Zendy Miranda	Cajanedo ES	TWG, Histopop
79	Gina Bolanio	Luayan ES	TWG, Histopop
80	Noe Cerado	Surallah	TWG, Histopop
81	Jorge V. Garcenila	Purok Rizal ES, Banga	TWG, Sining Tanghalan
82	Lorie Mae M. Ende	San Felipe ES	TWG, Sining Tanghalan
83	Lerma Aro	San Jose NHS	TWG, Sining Tanghalan
84	Vincent Celeste	Dumadalig IS	TWG, Dokyuwento
85	Nyll Vincent Labordo	Little Baguio ES	TWG, Dokyuwento
86	Marilil Ortiz	Cebuano ES	TWG, Story Resolution
87	Benjie Tejada	Lamsogod ES	TWG, Story Resolution
88	Ruth L. Prudente	Lumakil IS	TWG, Stemazing ELementary
89	Janrie M. Raguine	Upper Tantangan IS	TWG, Stemazing ELementary
90	Randy F. Lapasaran	San Isidro ES	TWG, Stemazing ELementary
91	Carlito B. Deonidas Jr.	Ebenezer ES	TWG, Stemazing ELementary
92	Emeterio F. Floresca Jr.	Lamcaliaf IS	TWG, Stemazing ELementary
93	Raquel E. Laspinas	Surallah NHS	TWG, Stemazing Elementary
94	Lily Rose Y. Rafaila	Rizal 3 NHS	TWG, Stemazing Elementary
95	Retchie Joy B. Pisana	Kusan NHS	TWG, Stemazing Elementary
96	Chester Ian S. Pineda	Centrala NHS	TWG, Stemazing Elementary

97	Joena D. Benguan	Dumadalig IS	TWG, Stemazing Elementary
98	Murdy F. Bautista	Silway 8 NHS	TWG, Stemazing Elementary
99	Leandro Exmundo	Silway 8 ES	TWG, Stemazing Elementary
100	Beverly M. Valenzuela-	Sto Nino ES	TWG, Signs and Dots
101	Ronalyn V. Valeroso-	Lampitak ES	TWG, Signs and Dots
102	Aireen M. Alair	Sulit ES	Usherettes
103	Agnes Cautivar	Pagalungan ES	Usherettes
104	Lorelyn Fabulare	Juan Bayan ES	Usherettes
105	Lymtte Rosano	Glamang ES	Usherettes
106	Reah Sevillano	Regional Office	Publication
107	Sandy Magno	South Cotabato	Advocacy Pitch
108	Bernard Cariga	South Cotabato	Jingle Composer

Enclosure 2 to Regional Memorandum No. 343 s. 2026

Contest Venues

No.	Event/Activity	Venue
1	Advocacy Pitch/Story Resolution/Immersive Reading	Polomolok NHS
2	Sining Tanghalan	Polomolok Central ES / PCES Gym
3	Signs and Dots	Polomolok Central ES
4	Histopop	Polomolok Central ES
5	Dokyuwento	Schola de San Jose
6	Musabaqah	Eugenio Llido Ranada ES
7	Lingo Stars	Polomolok Poblacion NHS
8	Stemazing – Elementary/Secondary	Silway ES
9	Techno Fusion	Poblacion Polomolok NHS
10	Opening and Closing Programs	Municipal Gymnasium / PCES

Enclosure 3 to Regional Memorandum No. 343 s. 2026

Billeting Quarters

No.	School/Billeting Venue	Assigned SDO/Group
1	Polomolok Central ES	Regional Office Personnel
2	Polomolok NHS	Cotabato
3	Polomolok NHS	Koronadal
4	Eugenio Llido Ranada ES	Musabaqah Participants and Coaches
5	Juan Bayan ES	SDO South Cotabato
6	Poblacion Polomolok NHS	Sultan Kudarat
7	Poblacion Polomolok NHS	Kidapawan
8	Dole Cannery CES	Tacurong
9	Eustacio Barcatan ES	General Santos
10	Pagalungan ES	Sarangani

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Enclosure 4 to Regional Memorandum No. 343 s. 2026

Opening and Closing Program
December 7, 2026
4:00 PM

Part 1: Opening Ceremony	Entrance of Color	Polomolok NHS
	National Anthem	Polomolok NHS Choir
	Doxology	Polomolok NHS Choir
	Preliminaries: • Regional Hymn • South Cotabato Hymn • Opening Billboard	Polomolok NHS Choir Polomolok NHS Choir
	Opening Salvo	Pinasayaw Participants
	Welcome Remarks	**LEONARDO M. BALALA, CESO V** Schools Division Superintendent
	Presentation of Participants	**LEVI B. BUTIHEN** Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
	Statement of Purpose	**ILDEFONSO E. LIBDAN, JR.** REPS-RFOT Focal/MAPEH/SPA
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	**KATHRINE H. LOTILLA** Asst. Regional Director
	Keynote Speaker	ASEC. JANIR T. DATUKAN Assistant Secretary
	Message of Support	**HON. BERNIE D. PALENCIA** Municipal Mayor
	Inspirational Message Declaration of Formal Opening of RFOT 2026	**ATTY. ALBERTO C. ESCOBARTE, CESO II** Regional Director
	Production Number	All Pinasayaw Participants
Part 2: Pinasayaw Competition	Reading of Criteria Introduction of Board of Judges Pinasayaw Showdown	**Maria Isabel R. Cunanan** EPS/Sining Tanghalan Event Manager
Part 3	Mayors Night	

Awarding and Closing Ceremonies
8:00 A.M December 9
Venue: Polomolok Central Elementary School

Registration and Assembly	Host SDO
Opening Prayer and National Anthem	AVP
Welcome Remarks	**KATHRINE H. LOTILLA** Assistant Regional Director
Presentation of Festival Highlights	Host SDO
Awarding of Winners and Recognition of Outstanding Participants	Event Managers
Message from the Regional Director	**ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE** Regional Director
Declaration of Closing of the 2026 RFOT	**ILDEFONSO E. LIBDAN, JR.** **RFOT FOCAL**

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09 Sept 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 100 s. 2026

2026 REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT)

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education SOCCSKSARGEN Region shall conduct the **2026 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) on December 7-9, 2026, at Polomolok, South Cotabato.**

2. The 2026 Regional Festival of Talents aims to:

a. provide opportunities for learners from public and private elementary and secondary schools as well as those from the Alternative Learning System (ALS), Indigenous Peoples Education (IPED), Special Needs Education (SNEd), and Madrasah Education Program (MEP) to showcase their talents and skills;

b. strengthen teachers' and learners' knowledge and skill set as they listen to the invaluable insights by the panel of experts; and

c. application and transfer of learning from competencies mastered in the classroom to authentic and meaningful contexts.

3. Participants in the RFOT are learners from public and private elementary and secondary schools who will showcase their talents and skills at different events.

4. Participation in the 2026 RFOT is voluntary. It shall not, in any way, affect the time-on-task of teachers as this activity's target learning standard and competencies are already embedded in teachers' actual teaching and assessment process.

5. The events will be conducted in-person. To ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all the participants, strict observance of minimum health protocols and safety drills should be implemented.

6. All Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are hereby directed to conduct their respective division-level competitions and establish appropriate mechanisms for the selection of contestants who will represent their division at the regional level.

7. There shall only be one entry per event per division except Lingo Stars. The learner participant/s shall be certified by the school head as bona fide learners and officially enrolled for the year 2025-2026.

8. The Schools Division Offices (SDO) shall take care of their own provisions for contest materials, supplies, food, travel, and allowances of their participants, including their bedding. Participants shall wear plain white T-shirts without collar

during the competition, except for Musabaqah participants where they can wear their Muslim attire.

9. A registration fee of One Thousand Pesos (PhP 1,000.00) shall be charged to each participant and coach to cover certificates, medals, trophies, administrative expenses, honoraria, and the food and accommodation of judges. The food of delegates, to be managed by the Division, as well as transportation and other related expenses of participants, shall be charged against the School's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), local or school Special Education Fund (SEF), School Campus Journalism Fund, or other available funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The deadline for Registration submission of names of RFOT qualifiers and payment at the Cashier's Office, DepEd SOCCSKSARGEN Regional Office, Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal shall be on November 4, 2026.

10. To prepare for the said event, the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) team will hold a coordination meeting with SDO South Cotabato Top Management and LGU on September 22, 2026, at 9:00 am at the Division Office of South Cotabato.

11. The RFOT guidelines are available on this link: https://surli.cc/mqbjqy for guidance and reference. **These guidelines shall remain subject to modification upon the issuance of updated guidelines by the Central Office (CO).**

12. For queries and clarifications, contact Ildefonso E. Libdan, Jr. EPS-CLMD through [redacted].

13. For information and guidance of all concerned.

ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II
Regional Director

Encls.: As stated
References: None
Allotment: RFOT Current Funds
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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CURRICULUM
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