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**Department of Education**  
REGION VII - CENTRAL VISAYAS  
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS - TAGBILARAN CITY

**Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent**

April 14, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. 279 , s. 2026

**OFFICIAL LIST OF DELEGATES FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS  
(NFOT)**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief, CID and SGOD  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. Per Regional Memorandum Number 0312 s. 2026 titled "**2026 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS**" with the theme, "**Embracing Change, Redefining Excellence**", this Office through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) announces the delegates in the 2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT) which will be held in Roxas City, Capiz, Region VI, from April 18 – 22, 2026.
2. All eligible expenses incurred by the official delegates to the 2026 NFOT shall be charged to the 2026 BEC Funds directly released to the Regions/Division/School MOOE/Special Education Funds (SEF)/local funds, subject to usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Should the downloaded funds intended for travel expenses of learners and coaches be insufficient, the SDO/school may augment the amount from its MOOE, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
3. Refer to the attached Regional Memorandum for your reference.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**2026 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (2026 NFOT)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), announces the conduct of 2026 National Festival of Talents (2026 NFOT) with the theme, **“Embracing Change, Redefining Excellence”**, which will be held in Roxas City, Capiz, Region VI, from April 18-22, 2026.
2. The activity aims to:
  - a. embrace change in gauging learners’ holistic development by showcasing inclusive, authentic, and interdisciplinary products and performances on a regional platform, and;
  - b. highlight the significance of redefining academic excellence beyond traditional approaches by promoting the integration of knowledge across disciplines and encouraging learners to be creative, innovative, and collaborative in demonstrating their multiple intelligences and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills to successfully thrive in a dynamic, interconnected, and future-ready world.
3. Participants to this activity are the learner-contestants from public and private elementary, secondary schools, and Community Learning Centers (CLCs) who are officially enrolled for SY 2025-2026, who have excelled during the Regional Festival of Talents along with their teacher-coaches. Other essential/official participants are the Regional Director, Asst. Regional Director, CLMD Chief, Regional focal in every contest category, select Division Supervisors, medical personnel and LRPO regional focal. However, in case of replacement of learner-contestants and teacher-coaches, the Regional NFOT focal person shall be notified in advance so that the latter shall also submit to the Technical Committee, a Certification of Replacement coming from the second-place winners or the next in rank as declared during the RFOT stating the reason for the replacement and the name of the substitute(s), duly signed by the Regional Director. See Enclosure.
4. Participation is voluntary at the learners’ level, while the participation of teachers and non-teaching personnel is considered official, authorized, and subject to the approval of the appropriate head of office. No individual shall be allowed to collect any kind of contributions or fees from learners or teachers for the 2026 NFOT.
5. The preparations of the official delegates for the 2026 NFOT shall not affect time-on-task, pursuant to DO 9, s. 2025, titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith. All participating teaching personnel shall be

granted 7.5 days of vacation service credits (VCS), in accordance with DO 13, s. 2024, titled Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers. However, for those who do not complete the whole duration, 1 hour of actual service rendered shall be equivalent to 1.5 hours of VSC. All participating non-teaching personnel shall be granted Compensatory Time Off (CTO) for weekend travel days.

6. DepEd Officials and personnel who are not part of the official delegates may attend the 2026 NFOT on official business and at the discretion of the head of office and in compliance with Directive on Streamlined Delegation and Adherence to Energy Conservation Standards on the Conduct of Significant National and Regional Events issued on March 13, 2026.

7. Each learner-contestant and teacher-coach shall prepare the following documentary requirements to be brought and submitted to the National Technical Working Group (NTWG) during the In-Person Registration at the designated registration venue as proofs of their eligibility for participation to the National Festival of Talents. To wit:

- 1 Photocopy of School ID *(both for learner & coach)*
- 1 Photocopy of the Approved Travel Authority *(both for learner & coach)*
- 1 Certified True Copy of Medical Certificate *(both for learner & coach-with remarks "Fit to travel and participate in the 2026 NFOT")*
- 1 Certified True Copy of Medical Assessment *(only for learner-participants with disabilities or LWDs)*
- 1 Certified True Copy of School Form 9 *(Learner's Progress Report Card)*
- 1 Original Copy of Certification as Official Teacher-Coach *(signed by the SDS, indicating that the teacher-coach is the designated classroom/ subject/ ALS teacher of the learner-participant(s) and have direct supervision over him/ her/ them)*
- 1 Original Copy of signed NFOT Consent Form *(both for learner & coach)*
- 1 Original Copy of Consent, Waiver, Indemnity and Release Form *(for learner-contestants only)*

8. All specific events of the 2026 NFOT shall be considered contest. The following are the events to be contested:

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| * Advocacy Pitch                   | * CineMunti      |
| * Arabic Language Spelling (Imlah) | * DokyuWento     |
| * BakeCares                        | * Harf Touch     |
| * Cabin Craft                      | * Likhawitan     |
| * Literary Cup                     | * PinaSayaw      |
| * Pop Quiz                         | * Qur'an Reading |
| * Savor D' Flavor                  | * Silent Stories |
| * STEMazing                        | * Techno Fusion  |

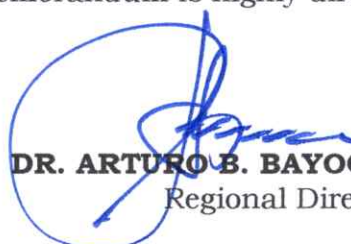
9. To ensure the safety, health and well-being of all official delegates, strict observance of minimum health protocols shall be implemented in all events and billeting venues. All activities shall likewise comply with DO 40, s. 2022, titled DepEd Child Protection Policy, and other applicable DepEd issuances on health standards and established medical and emergency response mechanisms, particularly in view of the participation and travel of learners.

10. All eligible expenses incurred by official delegates to the 2026 NFOT shall be charged to the 2026 BEC Funds directly released to the Regions/Division/School MOOE/local funds, subject to usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Should the downloaded funds intended for travel expenses of learners and coaches be insufficient, the SDO/school may augment the amount from its MOOE, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

11. For the implementing guidelines and mechanics of the 2026 NFOTt, see DM No. 019, s. 2026 thru the link, <https://tinyurl.com/4rk9w5bm>, and for more inquiries or concerns, please contact, Dr. Roland V. Villegas, overall RFOT Focal person at [roland.villegas@deped.gov.ph](mailto:roland.villegas@deped.gov.ph) or 09982056939.

12. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is highly directed.



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Event	Learner	Coach	Division
Pop Quiz	Sean Kervin C. Ybañez	Ana Fe Y. Capangpangan	Lapu-Lapu City
Musabaqah-Arabic Spelling	Mahira M. Abdussamad	Zobaida M. Ameril	Lapu-Lapu City
Musabaqah-Harf Touch	Aliyah A. Abusaman	Faith E. Briones	Cebu Province
Musabaqah-Qur'an Reading	Prince Epi C. Basher	Abdul Carin Saumay	Lapu-Lapu City
Stories in Silence	James D. Cabanlig	Evelyn L. Arain	Cebu City
Literary Cup	Josh Caleb G. Bihag	Ryan Q. Operario	Cebu City
	Mhiel Joshua C. Navales	Bernadette Mariesiane Deguma	City of Naga
	Angel B. Pasa	Julieto Y. Godinez	Cebu City
Advocacy Pitch	April T. De Jesus	Racine L. Adlawan	Cebu Province
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	Godwinn A. Rulida		
	Joanna Marie S. Naldo		
DokyuWento	Charie Joy N. Navalatan	Ria Fe G. Sangilan	Lapu-Lapu City
	Princess Nathalie G. Portarcos		
	Angelica L. Garrido		

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	Kent Sylvan T. Casul	Rolmar Sungahid	Lapu-Lapu City
	Joshua C. Paquibot		
Cabin Craft	Elaiza M. Peñaranda	Josephine Cavalida	Talisay City
Savor D' Flavor	Jenmar R. Devota	Cresencia O. Doverte	Mandaue City
	Niña Grace O. Velasquez	Juliet O. Villanueva	
	Ritzon V. Codilla	Marites Pon	Cebu City
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	Lisa C. Yuson		
PinaSayaw	Annika Kayleigh Tobias	Chelly N. Virtucio	Lapu-Lapu City
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	Joanabell P. Artezuela		
	Qysha Reign P. Sanggacala		
	Trisha Ann Libres		
	Thanie Kiesha B. Ventic		
	Romeo III N. Arsolon		
	Mishael D. Jacildo		
	John Clint Beltran		
	Benjie Emmanuel M. Estrimos		
	Mark Reezie Plantar		
	Markwin Rey Calo		
	Ryenne L. Cancellir		
CineMunti	Ana Ericka H. Wahing	Pricilla Farrah N. Anaviso	Tagbilaran City
	Honey Jelyn L. Ramil	Jepiril Marie S. Villagonzalo	
	Reich Reuel Louie V. Telmo		
	Jeremy P. Mumar		
	Azalia Mische S. Namoc		
	Jessa Mae S. Bautista	Bae Raezza Ybrahim - Uy	Bohol Province