



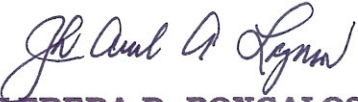
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Department of Education
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
Division of City Schools – Tagbilaran City

**Office of the Schools
Division Superintendent**

MEMORANDUM

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TO : **Elizabeth R. Escolano** (to represent Dr. Neolita Sarabia)
Education Program Specialist ALS

FROM :  **WILFREDA D. BONGALOS, PhD, CESO V**
Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT : **To Attend the Research Agenda for Alternative Learning System (RAFA)**

DATE : October 15-16, 2026

1. This is in reference to **Regional Memorandum 893, s. 2026** re: **Research Agenda for Alternative Learning System (RAFA) on October 15-16, 2026 at Applied Nutrition Center, Banilad Cebu City** which is self-explanatory.

2. Board and lodging including expenses for supplies and materials in relation to the conduct of the activities shall be charges against the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-FLO ALS Funds. Travel and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged against the Division's downloaded Program Support Funds (PSF) subject to usual accounting rules and regulations.

3. Attached is Regional Memorandum and list of participants for the details.

4. For information, guidance and compliance.



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RESEARCH AGENDA FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (RAFA)

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

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) Regional Office VII, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), highlights the importance of conducting actionable, evidence-based research among its personnel under the Research Agenda for Alternative Learning System (RAFA). DepEd is mandated to undertake educational research and strengthen flexible learning pathways to support lifelong learning and post-program transitions per Republic Act No. 9155 (Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001) in alignment with Republic Act No. 11510 (Alternative Learning System Act of 2020) and DepEd Order No. 16, s. 2017, specifically providing guidance on the management of research initiatives across national, regional, division, and school levels.

2. RAFA aims to

- gather inputs, insights, and recommendations from participants for the development and updating of the RAFA;
- review and validate emerging research priorities, themes, and areas of inquiry relevant to ALS implementation and development; and
- provide an avenue for collaborative discussions, technical deliberations, and consensus-building on the proposed RAFA.

3. As part of its continuing initiatives, this Office shall finalize its research agenda titled "Predictive Analysis of Accreditation and Equivalency Results and Tracers' Profile of Alternative Learning System Graduates: Proposed Curriculum Exit Enhancement," to be conducted on **October 15-16, 2026** from **8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the **Applied Nutrition Center, Banilad, Cebu City**. This activity is spearheaded by the following Regional ALS Research Team:

Name	Position/ Designation	Division
1. Melona A. Lumantao	Regional ALS Focal Person	Regional office
2. Amelton Ofri	EPS II for ALS	Lapu-Lapu City
3. Ronil D. Manayon	Public Schools District Supervisor	Mandaue City
4. Gregorio Q. Montajes	EPS II for ALS	Mandaue City

4. Participants in this activity include CLMD personnel, Regional ALS Research Team and **Division ALS Focal Persons from the 12 Schools Division Offices**.

5. All Division ALS Focal Persons are requested to facilitate access to A&E database records and assist in administering the Tracer Profile Questionnaire to the target graduate cohorts adhering to Republic Act No. 10173 (Data Privacy Act of 2012).



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6. Expenses for meals of the participants shall be charged against the FY 2026 FLO-ALS Funds while travel expenses incurred by the participants shall be charged against the Division's downloaded Program Support Fund (PSF), subject to the availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

7. For further inquiries and coordination, please contact **Dr. Melona Lumantao**, the Regional ALS Focal Person at melona.lumantao001@deped.gov.ph.

8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is enjoined.

 **DR. ARTURO B. BAYOCOT, CESO III**
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