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

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 950 , s. 2026

November 10, 2026

OBSERVANCE OF THE 2026 NATIONAL DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

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

1. **1.** Pursuant to Regional Memorandum No. 1032, s. 2026, titled *"Observance of the National Deaf Awareness Week,"* this Office enjoins all public and private schools to participate in the **2026 National Deaf Awareness Week** on **November 10–16, 2026**, with the theme, *"Deaf and Proud: Celebrating Identity, Sign Language, Culture, and Human Rights."*

2. Schools are encouraged to conduct appropriate awareness-raising and advocacy activities that promote deaf identity, Filipino Sign Language (FSL), Deaf culture, and the rights of deaf learners, without disrupting regular classes.

3. The attached Regional Memorandum and Official Matrix of Activities shall serve as references in guiding schools' participation in the observance.

4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 1052 s. 2026

OBSERVANCE OF THE 2026 NATIONAL DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

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

1. This Office disseminates the Advisory dated October 19, 2026, from the Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD) regarding the **observance of National Deaf Awareness Week (NDAW)** on **November 10–16, 2026**, in line with Presidential Proclamation No. 829, s. 1991.

2. This year's observance carries the theme *Deaf and Proud: Celebrating Identity, Sign Language, Culture, and Human Rights*.

3. The observance aims to raise awareness of Deaf identity, Filipino Sign Language (FSL), Deaf culture, and the rights of Deaf persons and learners. It also seeks to promote inclusive, accessible education and encourage learning environments that respect and value Deaf learners' language, culture, identity, and participation.

4. All Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and schools are encouraged to conduct awareness and advocacy activities aligned with the theme, including the following:

   a. Display official campaign materials and approved digital resources in schools and on official communication platforms;
   b. Share relevant information and advocacy messages during flag ceremonies and other school assemblies;
   c. Conduct activities that promote awareness and appreciation of FSL as the official medium of instruction and communication for Deaf learners, in line with Republic Act No. 11106, or the *Filipino Sign Language Act*; and
   d. Organize other school-based activities that promote inclusive education and respect for Deaf culture and identity.

5. In line with DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2026, all observance-related activities shall be conducted outside class hours or integrated into appropriate co-curricular activities to avoid disrupting classes.

6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are enjoined.

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ADVISORY
October 19, 2026

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 829, s. 1991, declaring November 10-16 of every year as Deaf Awareness Week, the Department of Education (DepEd) encourages all Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices, and schools to observe **National Deaf Awareness Week (NDAW)** from **November 10 to 16, 2026**, with the theme, *Deaf and Proud: Celebrating Identity, Sign Language, Culture, and Human Rights.*

The observance aims to promote greater awareness and institutional understanding of Deaf identity, Filipino Sign Language (FSL), Deaf culture, and the fundamental rights of Deaf persons and learners. It further seeks to strengthen advocacy for inclusive and linguistically accessible education, while fostering a learning environment that recognizes, respects, and values the identity, language, culture, participation, and human rights of Deaf learners.

Attached is the official Matrix of Activities for the 2026 NDAW for reference. Schools within the National Capital Region (NCR) may attend the kickoff activity in person on November 10, 2026. Those who are unable to participate in person may join the activities virtually throughout the week through the links provided in the said matrix.

Additionally, all schools are encouraged to undertake appropriate awareness-raising and advocacy initiatives consistent with the theme, including, but not limited to:

- **Display of campaign materials**. Schools may display official campaign materials within school premises and feature approved digital assets across their official social media platforms to promote public awareness of Deaf identity, FSL, Deaf culture, and the rights of Deaf learners;
- **Integration of the observance into flag ceremonies.** Schools are encouraged to incorporate relevant information and advocacy messages during morning flag ceremonies to cultivate awareness, understanding, acceptance, respect, and support for Deaf learners and their families; and
- **Promotion of FSL.** Schools may conduct appropriate activities that foster awareness and appreciation of FSL as the official medium of instruction and communication for Deaf learners, as well as a vital component of Deaf identity and culture, pursuant to Republic Act No. 11106, or the Filipino Sign Language Act.

In compliance with DepEd Order 009, s. 2026 (Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education), all activities related to the observance of NDAW shall be conducted outside class hours or shall be integrated into appropriate existing co-curricular activities without class disruptions.

For further inquiries or clarifications, kindly contact the Bureau of Learning Delivery - Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID) through email at bld.sid@deped.gov.ph.

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DEAF AWARENESS WEEK 2026
ACTIVITY MATRIX



To access and edit the official streamer design of the DAW 2026:
https://canva.link/pvk40mwwwuhqmg2

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE
November 10, 2026 1:00PM	**Beyond the Basics: Learning FSL Idioms (Part 1)**	*Link:* https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87006025380
November 11, 2026 9:00AM	**Deaf Rights**	*Link:* https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89095429434
November 12, 2026 9:00AM	**TOGETHER WE GROW: *Understanding, Supporting, and Empowering Our Deaf Children***	*Link:* https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81097975179
November 12, 2026 1:00PM	**The Big Magic Show**	*School-Based*
November 13, 2026 2:00PM	**Hands That Shine: The Stage Is Ours. The Spotlight Is On."**	*Every Nation Campus MET Live Pasay City*
November 16, 2026 9:00AM	**Beyond the Basics: Learning FSL Idioms (Part 2)**	*Link:* https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88453083930

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