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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
SGOD-SMME No. 203 s. 2026

REGIONAL TRAINING FOR THE PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA)-BASED TEST FOR SCHOOLS (PBTS) 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief of the Functional Divisions
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors/Principals In-Charge
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Division Testing Coordinator
Division Information Technology Officer
School ICT Coordinators
Testing Administrators
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Regional Memorandum No. 117, s. 2026, titled "Regional Training and Actual Test Administration for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)-Based Test for Schools (PBTS) 2026," the Schools Division of Sultan Kudarat shall participate in the Regional Training of Testing Personnel on **September 30, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. at the Fe Hidalgo Hall, DepEd Regional Office XII, Prime Regional Center, Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City**. The Actual Test Administration (Evaluation Days) shall then be conducted from October 5 to 9, 2026, in all sampled secondary schools within the region.

2. The PISA-Based Test for Schools (PBTS) 2026 is an OECD-supported computer-based assessment designed as a diagnostic and developmental tool to evaluate 15-year-old learners' critical thinking and application skills in Reading, Mathematics, and Science in real-world contexts. It is delivered in mother tongues (Tagalog, Bisaya, Ilokano), supports system capacity building and collective learning across participating schools, and is not used for ranking purposes.

3. The following are the participants to the Regional Training:

Name	Office/School	Position
Richard Fernandez	OSDS-ICTU	Division ITO-III
Remos Baclaan	SGOD-SMMES	OIC-EPS II/Division Testing Coor.
Gerom Bucani	Masiag NHS	ICT Coor.
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JOSE REY LEONIDA	Sta. Clara NHS	Teacher I/Sangay NHS Testing Administrator

4. Attached are Indicative Program for the Regional Training and the Guidelines on the Use of Program Support Funds (PSF) for the Administration of PBTS 2026.

5. Participants for the Evaluation Day shall be granted Compensatory Time-Off for days that fall on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, following DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003, Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credit to Teachers and CSC-DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2015, Policies and Guidelines on Overtime Services and Overtime Pay for Government Employees.

6. Meal and snack expenses of participants during the Regional Training shall be charged against the 2026 National Assessment System for Basic Education (NASBE) funds of the Monitoring and Evaluation Office (MEO). Accommodation, transportation, and incidental expenses shall be charged against the Program Support Funds (PSF) downloaded to the Division Office or any Division Local Fund, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Expenses incurred during the Evaluation Days shall likewise be charged against the downloaded funds to the Schools Division Office.

7. For queries or clarifications, all concerned may contact Bernabe Falcis, OIC-SEPS - SMME at 09656280483 or Remos G. Baclaan, OIC – EPS II – SMME at 09205922575.

8. For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following Subjects:

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