Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION
DIVISION OF SULTAN KUDARAT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF SULTAN KUDARAT
RECORDS SECTION
RELEASED
Release Number: 2026-644
05 NOV 2026 Time: 9:34 AM

November 05, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
SGOD-YFS No. 232 s. 2026

PARTICIPATION IN THE SPLA REGIONAL COMPETITIONS AND THE SPLA YOUTH CONGRESS

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs of the Functional Divisions
Public Schools District Supervisors/Principals-in-Charge
Public and Private Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the request of the Sultan Pax Leadership Academy (SPLA), under the supervision of the Provincial Youth Development Office, all public and private secondary schools in the Division are enjoined to participate in the SPLA Regional Competitions and the SPLA Youth Congress in celebration of the 53rd Founding Anniversary of the Province and the 28th Kalimudan Festival.

2. The SPLA Youth Congress will be conducted on November 17, 2026, at the Sultan Kudarat Cultural and Sports Complex. The activity is expected to gather approximately 1,500 participating students and youth leaders and aims to develop leadership, communication, and problem-solving competencies, as well as provide a venue for reasoned discourse on contemporary issues.

3. The activity shall feature four academic regional competitions open to public and private high schools within Region XII, namely:

a. Debate – governed by the Oxford-Oregon format, with five-member teams;
b. Quiz Bee – for junior and senior high school teams composed of three members;
c. Spelling Bee – with one junior high school representative per school; and
d. Theatrical Speech Choir – with fifteen (15) to twenty (20) members per entry.

Address: Kenram, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
Telephone No.: (064) 471 1007
Website: https://depedsultankudarat.org
Email: depedsk.r12@deped.gov.ph

4. The following schedule of regional activities shall be observed:

DATE	REGIONAL ACTIVITY
November 7, 2026	Spelling Bee and Quiz Bee Preliminary Rounds
November 8, 2026	Debate Preliminary Rounds
November 14, 2026	Debate Semi-Final Rounds
November 17, 2026	SPLA Youth Congress, Theatrical Speech Choir, and Final Rounds of All Academic Activities

5. Participation is free of charge. Entries shall be submitted through the official Google Form posted on the SPLA Facebook page. Each list of participants, together with the name of the coach, must be signed and approved by the School Principal. Slots are limited and shall be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. School Heads are advised to coordinate directly with the SPLA for the prescribed registration requirements and event guidelines.

6. School Heads shall ensure that learner participation and the designation of coaches are facilitated in accordance with applicable DepEd issuances on learner participation and off-campus activities. Participation shall be managed without prejudice to the regular delivery of instruction. Learners and coaches with classes or teaching loads shall secure the necessary approval and arrangements from their respective School Heads.

7. The General Guidelines for All Events, including eligibility requirements, mechanics, and criteria for each activity, shall be followed. Official updates and further instructions shall be released through the SPLA Facebook page. For questions and clarifications, concerned schools may coordinate with the Sultan Pax Leadership Academy through sultanpaxleadershipacademy@gmail.com.

8. Travel expenses and other incidental costs of participating learners and designated coaches, if any, shall be charged against available school MOOE or other appropriate local funds, subject to the availability of funds and existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

9. For inquiries and coordination at the Division level, concerned schools may contact the Youth Formation Section through Ms. Sheila Mae G. Delos Reyes, PDO I, at 0966 739 7517 or via email at sheilamae.delosreyes@deped.gov.ph.

BAGONG PILIPINAS
Address: Kenram, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
Telephone No.: (064) 471 1007
Website: https://depedsultankudarat.org
Email: depedsk.r12@deped.gov.ph

10. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

ROBERTO J. MONTERO, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl/s: None
References: Letter from Sultan Pax Leadership Academy dated October 21, 2026
To be indicated in the perpetual index under the following subjects:

YOUTH FORMATION **COMPETITIONS** **LEADERSHIP**

Address: Kenram, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
Telephone No.: (064) 471 1007
Website: https://depedsultankudarat.org
Email: depedsk.r12@deped.gov.ph