

Regional Advisory No. **067**, s. 2025

October **14**, 2025

In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
this advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 28, s. 2001,
but only for the information of DepEd NIR officials and personnel/staff.

DOST-PSHS WVC CORRESPONDENCE AND TULONG DUNONG PROGRAM

This Advisory is issued to delegate authority to the concerned Schools Division Superintendents (SDSs) across the Negros Island Region (NIR) regarding urgent matters contained in the attached correspondence from the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Science High School Western Visayas Campus (DOST-PSHS WVC) concerning its initiatives under the **Tulong Dunong** program and the proposed **Future Philippines Science High School-Negros Island Region (PSHS-NIR) Campaign**.

The SDSs shall determine the extent, manner, and schedule of support and implementation activities that are feasible and appropriate within their respective divisions, ensuring that all actions are aligned with current DepEd policies and regulations.

For questions and clarifications, contact:

OCD Secretary
Office of the Campus Director
Philippine Science High School-Western Visayas Campus
Department of Science and Technology
Email: iloilo@wvc.pshs.edu.ph

Office: (033) 3295644/3292011 local 2103



October 8, 2025

Dr. Ramir B. Uytico, CESO IV
Regional Director
Department of Education, Negros Island Region (NIR)

Dear Dr. Uytico:

Warm greetings from Philippine Science High School-Western Visayas Campus!

The Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System, the country's premier science high school, is thrilled to announce the establishment of a new campus in the Negros Island Region. This expansion will provide more opportunities for academically gifted students in the region to become our nation's future science and technology leaders.

As part of our promotional campaign for the **National Competitive Examination (NCE) 2026**, our teachers and selected scholars will be conducting a series of enrichment activities called **Tulong Dunong** for all interested Grade 5 and 6 pupils from various areas of Negros Occidental. We have identified 7 cluster groups comprising different cities and municipalities in each cluster for the **Tulong Dunong Activities**. These clusters are the following, to include the date and venue of the **Tulong Dunong**:

CLUSTER	DATE OF TULONG DUNONG	VENUE
1. Hinobaan, Sipalay, Candoni, Cauayan, and Ilog	October 11, 2025	Gil Montilla National High School, Sipalay
2. Kabankalan, Himamaylan, Binalbagan, Hinigaran, Isabela	October 18, 2025	West Visayas State University-Himamaylan City Campus, Himamaylan City
3. Moises Padilla, Pontevedra, La Castella, La Carlota	October 18, 2025	La Carlota North Elementary School, La Carlota City
4. San Enrique, Valladolid, Pulupandan, Bago	October 25, 2025	San Enrique Elementary School, San Enrique
5. Murcia, Bacolod, Talisay, Silay, EB Magalona	October 18, 2025	TBA

"Premier Science High School Education Begins at DOST-PSHS!"

Page 1 of 3





6. Victorias, Cadiz, Sagay, Manapla	October 18, 2025	SPED Training Center, Cadiz City
7. Escalante, Toboso, Calatrava, Don Salvador Benedicto, San Carlos	November 2025	San Carlos

The **Tulong Dunong** activities will include the following:

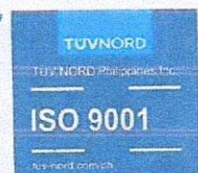
- **STEM Enrichment Activities:** Designed for Grade 5 and 6 pupils to foster a love for discovery and scientific inquiry.
- **STEM Learning Sessions** with PSHSWVC Teachers
- **Simulation Activities on Test-Taking**
- **PSHS Information Session:** A presentation by PSHS scholars covering the admission process, scholarships, and the benefits of a PSHS education.

Additionally, our school personnel will conduct a school-to-school campaign throughout Negros Occidental from **October 20-24, 2025**, targeting schools with large student populations. The campaign aims to promote the Philippine Science High School - Western Visayas Campus (PSHS-WVC) and the upcoming National Competitive Examination (NCE).

In this regard, we respectfully request your assistance in disseminating this information to public schools by:

- 1.) Encouraging eligible Grade 5 and 6 pupils (those in the top 10% of their class) to attend the **Tulong Dunong** activities at the host school identified above.
- 2.) Allowing teachers to accompany their pupils participating in the **Tulong Dunong** activities on the scheduled date.
- 3.) Encouraging eligible Grade 6 pupils (those in the top 10% of their class) to apply for the **2026 National Competitive Examination (NCE)**.
- 4.) Requesting that the division/district STEM coordinators facilitate the distribution of NCE application forms to their respective schools.
- 5.) Permitting our personnel to conduct a brief orientation on PSHS-WVC and the NCE for Grade 6 pupils during their school visits from October 20-24, 2025; and
- 6.) Allowing our personnel to collect completed NCE application forms from the schools, if available, during their visit.

"Premier Science High School Education Begins at DOST-PSHS!"





Applications for the 2026 NCE are also accepted online via the link:
<https://nce.pshs.edu.ph>. The deadline for both online and offline applications is **November 7, 2025**.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of our requests. We are confident that with your support, our upcoming activities will be a great success.

The collaboration between DepEd and PSHS is vital, and we are eager to continue building on this strong foundation. Together, we can create more opportunities to nurture the next generation of Filipino scientists, leaders, and innovators.

We look forward to our continued partnership.

Respectfully yours,

CARLITO ACERBO, JR, PhD
Student Services Division Chief
Chair, PSHSWVC NCE Campaign Committee

ANGELO B. OLVIDO, PhD
Asst. CID Chief-Student Affairs Unit
Tulong-Dunong Chairperson

Approved:

MYRNA B. LIBUTAQUE, PhD
Director III
PSHSWVC Campus Director

"Premier Science High School Education Begins at DOST-PSHS!"

