



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 1170, s. 2026

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**URGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) AND LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS
IN THE NEGROS ISLAND REGION (NIR) TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF
SCHOOL CARE CENTERS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), disseminates the attached communication from the Regional Development Council - Negros Island Region regarding the RDC Resolution No. 102 series of 2026 titled **"Urging Local Government Units (LGU) and Local School Boards in the Negros Island Region (NIR) to Provide Support for the Establishment and Operationalization of School Care Centers,"** which is self-explanatory.
2. All Schools Division Offices (SDO's) are requested to coordinate with their respective Local Government Units for a positive response to this resolution.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Regional Director

Encl.: As stated

Reference: As Stated

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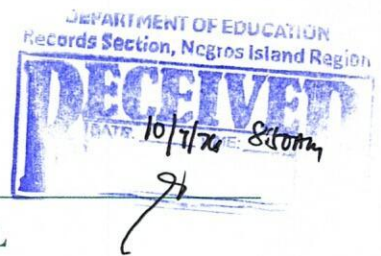
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
NEGROS ISLAND REGION**

RDC NIR RESOLUTION NO. 102
Series of 2026

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 12080 also known as Basic Education Mental Health and Well-Being Promotion Act was enacted on 6 December 2024 to strengthen the promotion and delivery of mental health services in basic education institutions throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the law strengthens school-based mental health programs in public and private basic education schools by promoting mental health awareness, intervention, and referral services; establishing mental health and well-being offices in every school division office and care center in every school; and increasing mental health personnel through the creation of new plantilla positions;

WHEREAS, there are only 37 registered guidance counselors (RGCs) serving 1,140,879 learners across 2,242 public schools in the region, equivalent to one RGC for every 30,835 learners. This falls far short of the ideal ratio of one RGC for every 500 learners;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepEd) emphasized the need to establish a care center in every public elementary and secondary school, supported by qualified mental health personnel, including school counselors and school counselor associates, in accordance with RA No. 12080 and its implementing guidelines;

WHEREAS, DepEd NIR presented its mental health and wellness initiatives, including the establishment of wellness spaces during the NIR Athletic Association Meet (NIRAAM) 2026, pursuant to DepEd Regional Memorandum No. 035, s. 2026.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 also known as the Local Government Code of 1991, LGUs are vested with powers, authority, responsibilities, and resources to address priority needs and service requirements of their communities, while local school boards are mandated to determine and allocate support for the supplementary needs of public schools through the Special Education Fund; hence, LGUs and local school boards are well-positioned to provide complementary support for the establishment, maintenance, and operationalization of school care centers in their respective localities;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Dr. Profetiza S. Lim, Negros Oriental Union of Cooperatives Chairperson and RDC NIR Social Development Committee Co-Chairperson, severally seconded, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** to urge LGUs and local school

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boards in NIR to provide support for the establishment and operationalization of school care centers.

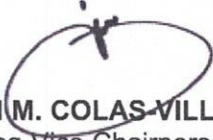
RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to local school board through DepEd NIR, and the LGUs in NIR through the provincial PLGUs and the Department of the Interior and Local Government NIR for their information and appropriate action.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED during the CY 2026 Third Quarter RDC NIR Full Council Meeting held on 16 September 2026, at SMX Convention Center, Bacolod City.

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