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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**SELECTION AND SUBMISSION OF LEARNERS FOR THE “BALIK SIGLA, BIGAY SAYA
2026: A NATIONWIDE GIFT-GIVING DAY”**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Chief, Education Support Services Division
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division, disseminates the attached Memorandum OM-OUGPS-2026-02-04174 from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governance and Operations regarding the conduct of the **“Balik Sigla, Bigay Saya 2026: A Nationwide Gift-Giving Day”** on **December 5, 2026**.

2. Anent this, this Office the submission of the recipients of the gifts from each Schools Division Office (SDO). Below is the allocation per SDO:

SDO	Number of Beneficiaries
1. Bacolod City	40 learners
2. Bago City	40 learners
3. Bais City	40 learners
4. Bayawan City	40 learners
5. Cadiz City	40 learners
6. Canlaon City	40 learners
7. Dumaguete City	40 learners
8. Escalante City	40 learners
9. Guihulngan City	40 learners
10. Himamaylan City	40 learners
11. Kabankalan City	40 learners
12. La Carlota City	40 learners
13. Sagay City	40 learners
14. San Carlos City	40 learners
15. Silay City	40 learners
16. Sibalay City	40 learners
17. Talisay City	40 learners
18. Tanjay City	40 learners



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19. Victorias City	40 learners
20. Negros Oriental	50 learners
21. Negros Occidental	50 learners
22. Siquijor	40 learners

3. The following shall be considered in selecting the official recipients of the program:
- **Grade Level Priority.** Learners in Grades 2, 3, and 4 shall be given priority.
 - **Socioeconomic Status.** Priority shall be given to learners from economically disadvantaged households.
 - **Existing Government Assistance.** Priority shall be given to learners who are not currently beneficiaries of government-funded assistance programs, including, but not limited to, the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps).
 - **School Representation.** The beneficiaries may be selected from a single school or from different schools within the SDO, subject to the established selection criteria and the availability of eligible learners.
 - **Other Relevant Considerations.** Other qualifications or circumstances deemed relevant by the selection committee may be considered, provided that these are consistent with the program's objectives and established selection guidelines.
4. For the details, see attached Memorandum.
5. All SDOs are hereby requested to submit the list of beneficiaries utilizing the attached template which shall be submitted to this Office on or before **October 28, 2026** via email, nir@deped.gov.ph.
6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Encl.: As stated.
Reference: As stated.
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MEMORANDUM

OM-OUGOPS-2026-02-04174

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

JOCELYN DR ANDAYA
Regional Director, NCR
concurrent Officer-in-Charge,
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF FOCAL PERSONS AND SELECTION OF
LEARNERS FOR THE "BALIK SIGLA, BIGAY SAYA 2026: A
NATIONWIDE GIFT-GIVING DAY"

DATE : OCT 15 2026

The Office of the President, in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), will conduct the **Balik Sigla, Bigay Saya 2026: A Nationwide Gift-Giving Day on December 5, 2026, at the Kalayaan Grounds, Malacañang, Manila.** Simultaneous satellite activities and gift-giving events will also be conducted in selected schools and areas. The initiative aims to spread Christmas joy through gift-giving, particularly among children in need.

As one of the partners in this nationwide initiative, DepEd is requested to facilitate the participation of 17,095 **learners nationwide**, comprising of 15,295 learners who will participate in satellite activities and 1,800 learners who will attend the main event at Malacañang.

Each of the 16 DepEd Regional Offices (ROs) shall identify 900 **learners** from selected Schools Division Office (SDO) and school within its respective region for participation in the satellite activities. The DepEd National Capital Region (NCR) shall likewise identify 895 learners for its satellite activity and an additional 1,800 learners who will attend the main event at Malacañang, bringing the total allocation to 17,095 learners nationwide. **Learners from Grades 2, 3, and 4 shall be prioritized in that order.**

To facilitate coordination and preparations for the event, all ROs are requested to **designate a focal person at the regional level at the earliest possible time.** The designated RO focal person shall likewise coordinate the designation of focal persons



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from the selected SDO and school. The RO focal person shall provide the required information by accomplishing the attached online Excel sheet through the following link: <https://bit.ly/BSBS2026-FieldFocalPersons>

The Office of the President has also provided the following technical requirements and instructions for the participating satellite locations:

1. Prepare a laptop with an external web camera or a mobile phone with the Zoom application installed.
2. Provide a mobile phone tripod, if using a mobile phone.
3. Ensure a stable internet connection.
4. Ensure access to an electrical power source.
5. Join the Zoom meeting through the link to be provided after the coordination meeting, beginning at 7:00 a.m. on December 5, 2026.
6. Identify a well-lit area for the venue.
7. If using a mobile phone, position it in landscape orientation before joining the meeting.
8. Use the prescribed naming format **REGION_SCHOOL** to facilitate identification.
9. Keep the microphone muted throughout the program to avoid disrupting the proceedings.
10. For centers catering to children, particularly those dealing with sensitive circumstances, the use of face masks by participating children is encouraged.

Furthermore, the designated RO focal person shall ensure that the list of participating learners from the selected SDO and school is **finalized on or before October 20, 2026**, using the prescribed template accessible through the following link: <https://bit.ly/BSBS2026-TemplateForListOfParticipants>

Further details and arrangements regarding the said event will be announced through subsequent issuances and communications.

For further information and guidance, kindly contact the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governance and Operations via email at ougops@deped.gov.ph and asec.ops@deped.gov.ph.

For your reference and immediate action.

Enclosure: as stated

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