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Department of Education  
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
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**REGIONAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

To: OIC – Assistant Regional Director  
All Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 16, series of 2017, titled **Research Management Guidelines**, this Office, through the Policy, Planning, and Research Division (PPRD), conducts the Regional Research Committee (RRC) Organizational Meeting on February 12, 2026 at Rovira Suites, Dumaguete City.
2. The organizational meeting aims to:
  - a. review the roles and responsibilities of the NIR RRC;
  - b. set the direction of the regional research initiatives through the national and local Basic Education Research Agenda (BERA) and the identified priority research areas in the region; and
  - c. revisit the guidelines in the evaluation and approval of research proposals and other related research initiatives to be funded under BERF or any other fund source lodged in the region.
3. Enclosed are the following:
  - a. Regional Research Committee and Designated Permanent Alternates/Technical Working Committee
  - b. Schedule of Activities for NIR RRC RAISE Roadmap
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Regional Director

Encl: As stated

Reference: As stated

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

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Enclosure A. DepEd NIR Regional Research Committee and Designated Permanent Alternates/Technical Working Committee (per DepEd Order No. 16, s. 2017 Research Management Guideline)

RRC Position	DepEd NIR Officials
Chairperson	Anthony H. Liobet, JD, CESO V OIC-Asst Regional Director
Vice Chairperson	Dr. Serafin G. Fariñas III Chief, Policy, Planning, and Research Division
Members	G.L. John Haro Chief, Curriculum and Learning Management Division  Ma. Lira Cynthia Quejada Chief, Education and Support Services Division  Katherine Sedillo Chief, Human Resource and Development Division  Dr. Melvin Niñal Chief, Quality Assurance Division  Sol Grace Timola Chief, Field Technical Assistance Division  Gauvin Absin OIC-Chief, Finance Division
Secretariat	Office of the Policy, Planning, and Research Division
Adviser	Dr. Ramir B. Uytico CESO III Regional Director

**Designated Permanent Alternates/Technical Working Committee**

Joey Ian C. Singson  
Education Program Supervisor Designate – Planning and Research

Dr. Mayleen Joy Fariñas  
Education Program Supervisor

John Albert Recto  
Education Program Supervisor Designate

Dr. Roy Villacorte  
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Education Program Supervisor Designate



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Enclosure B. Schedule of Activities for NIR RRC RAISE Roadmap

**NIR Regional Research Committee Matrix of Activities**

Date	Activity	Objectives	Venue
February 12, 2026	Organizational Meeting	Review the Research Management Guidelines and the RRC roles and responsibilities	Rovira Suites
February 16, 19-20, 2026	Calibration & Strategic Pivot II	Setting of DepEd NIR RAISE Roadmap & BERF Guidelines	Regional Office
March 11-14, 2026	Writeshop & Resource Package Development	Development of Research Learning Resource Package	TBA
April 14-17, 2026	Research Workshop	Upskilling & Reskilling of SDO Research SEPS & Coordinators	TBA