



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 212, s. 2026

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**CONDUCT OF TRIAL TESTING OF THE DRAFTED TOOL ON LANGUAGE
MAPPING TO SELECTED SCHOOLS IN NEGROS ISLAND REGION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the series of workshops for the **Language Identification Tool (LIT) Model** and pursuant to DepEd Order No. 35, s. 2025 regarding the Language Mapping Process for Key Stage 1, this Office announces the Conduct of Trial Testing of the Drafted Tool on Language Mapping in Selected Schools (Kindergarten Classes) in the Negros Island Region (NIR) on February 27, 2026. The LIT is designed to accurately determine a child's first language to ensure that appropriate medium of instruction is applied in the classroom.

2. The following is the list of selected schools:

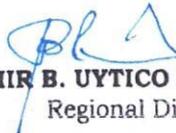
SDO	Name of School	District	Monitoring Team
Negros Oriental	Canlukduhan ES	Ayungon 1	Michael S. Gudio
Bacolod City	Sum-ag ES	7	Lowelyn D. Escalona
Himamaylan City	Saraet ES	Cluster 7	Rowena O. Salazar
Negros Oriental	Cangmating ES	Sibulan 1	Marian B. Espinosa

3. To ensure the integrity of the process and provide immediate technical assistance, the activity shall be facilitated and monitored by the official NIR representatives to the national workshops.

4. Data gathered from this mapping shall be treated with strict confidentiality and used solely for educational planning and policy development purposes.

5. Expenses relative to the conduct of this activity shall be charged to local funds, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Encl.: As stated

Reference: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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CURRICULUM CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

MSG/CLMD-RMWLC- Conduct of Trial Testing of the Drafted Tool on Language Mapping to Selected Schools in
Negros Island Region
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 160 s. 2026

LANGUAGE IDENTIFICATION TOOL (LIT) MODEL (SERIES OF WORKSHOPS)

To: Schools Division Superintendents of Bacolod City, Himamaylan City,
and Negros Oriental
CLMD Chief
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum No. DM-LS-2026-022 titled Language Identification Tool (LIT) Model (Series of Workshops) on the following schedule:

Activity	Dates	Venue
Development Workshop	February 23-25, 2026	ECOTECH Center, Cebu City
Refinement Workshop	March 4-6, 2026	NEAP General Santos City
Finalization Workshop	March 25-27, 2026	NEAP Marikina City

2. The participants of the program are as follows:

Name	Position	SDO
Michael Gudio	OIC-EPS-CLMD	DepEd NIR
Lowelyn D. Escalona	EPS-Kindergarten	Bacolod
Rowena O. Salaza	EPS-Kindergarten	Himamaylan
Marian B. Espinosa	EPS-Kindergarten	Negros Oriental

3. Board and lodging, travel expenses, and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged against the FY 2025 Basic Education Curriculum Continuing Funds downloaded to the regions subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Participants are allowed to arrive at the venue one day prior to the official commencement of the writeshop for adequate preparation and comfort. However, accommodation expenses incurred for this pre-writeshop day will be charged to local funds subject to availability. Furthermore, if the downloaded funds are insufficient to fully cover participant's travel expenses, the outstanding balance will then be borne by local funds.



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4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Encl.: None

Reference: As Stated

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CURRICULUM

LANGUAGE

WORKSHOPS

JEB/CLMD-RMWLC- Language Identification Tool (LIT) Model (Series of Workshops)
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 Assistant Secretary
 Officer-in-Charge
 Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : LANGUAGE IDENTIFICATION TOOL (LIT) MODEL (SERIES OF WORKSHOPS)

DATE : January 13, 2026

The Bureau of Learning Delivery - Teaching and Learning Division (BLD-TLD) will conduct the following activities on the specified dates:

ACTIVITY	DATES	VENUE
Language Identification Tool (LIT) Model (Development Workshop)	February 23-25, 2026	ECOTECH Center, Cebu City
Language Identification Tool (LIT) Model (Refinement Workshop)	March 4-6, 2026	NEAP General Santos City



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Workshop on the Finalization of Language Identification Tool (LIT) Model	March 25-27, 2026	NEAP Marikina City
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These activities aim to develop the model Language Identification Tool (LIT) in reference to the implementation of the DepEd Order No. 35, s. 2025 entitled "Guidelines on the Language Mapping Process for Key Stage 1." The LIT serves as a tool to determine the child's accurate first language and to decide the appropriate medium of instruction to be used in the classroom, including the selection of whether Scenario A, B, C, or D applies, as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 20, series of 2025, also known as the "Policy on the Medium of Instruction for Kindergarten to Grade 3."

In this regard, this Office would like to invite personnel from each region, preferably Education Program Supervisors assigned in implementing the Mother Tongue-Based-Multilingual Education, Master Teachers, or Mother Tongue implementers for at least 5 years, based on the allotted number of participants per region as listed in Annex 1, to participate in the series of workshops. They are requested to bring laptops for use during the workshops and to register through the following links on or before the specified dates:

- > <https://tinyurl.com/REGLITModelDev> for Development Workshop by Feb. 20, 2026
- > <https://tinyurl.com/REGLITModelRefine> for Refinement Workshop by March 2, 2026
- > <https://tinyurl.com/REGLITModelFinal> for Finalization Workshop by March 23, 2026

Board and lodging, travel expenses, and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged against the FY 2025 Basic Education Curriculum Continuing Funds downloaded to the regions subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Participants are allowed to arrive at the venue one day prior to the official commencement of the writeshop for adequate preparation and comfort. However, accommodation expenses incurred for this pre-writeshop day will be charged to the local funds subject to availability. Furthermore, if the downloaded funds are insufficient to fully cover participant's travel expenses, the outstanding balance will then be borne by local funds.

Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) will be granted to the participants of the workshop day/s falling on either a holiday or a weekend, in accordance with CSC and DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004.

For queries or clarifications, please contact the **BLD-TLD Language Mapping Team** through email at bld.tld@deped.gov.ph or mobile nos. 09171933788 or 09085523084.

Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum is requested.

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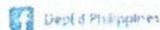
Annex 1
Number of Participants per Region

Language Identification Tool (LIT) Model (Development Workshop)
ECOTECH Center, Cebu City

Region	Allotted No. of Participants
I	4
II	4
III	4
CAR	4
IV-A	4
IV-B	4
NCR	4
V	4
VI	4
VII	4
NIR	4
VIII	4
IX	4
X	4
XI	4
XII	4
CARAGA	4

Language Identification Tool (LIT) Model (Refinement Workshop)
NEAP General Santos City

Region	Allotted No. of Participants
I	3
II	3
III	3
CAR	3
IV-A	3
IV-B	3
NCR	3
V	3
VI	3
VII	3
NIR	3
VIII	4
IX	3
X	3
XI	4
XII	4
CARAGA	3



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Language Identification Tool (LIT) Model (Finalization Workshop)
NEAP Marikina City

Region	Allotted No. of Participants
I	4
II	4
III	4
CAR	4
IV-A	4
IV-B	4
NCR	3
V	4
VI	4
VII	4
NIR	4
VIII	4
IX	5
X	4
XI	4
XII	4
CARAGA	4



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