



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 802, s. 2026

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**SUBMISSION OF ALS RESEARCH PRIORITIES, RESEARCH GAPS,
IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES AND PROMISING PRACTICES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT/UPDATING OF THE RESEARCH AGENDA FOR
THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (RAFA)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Anent the request of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Learning Delivery to gather inputs, insights, and recommendations for the development and updating of the Research Agenda for the Alternative Learning System (RAFA), all Schools Division Offices are requested to coordinate with their respective Division ALS Focal Persons and relevant stakeholders in consolidating ALS research priorities, research gaps, implementation issues, promising practices, and supporting evidence using the attached template.
2. The accomplished template shall be submitted via <https://tinyurl.com/ALS-RESEARCH-PRIO-EVIDENCE> on or before August 15, 2026 using the following filename format: **SDO NAME_RESEARCH PRIORITY EVIDENCE**.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III
Regional Director

Encl.: As stated
Reference: As stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM

WORKSHOP

RESEARCH

NTG/CLMD-RMWLC- Participation to the Workshop on the Development/
Updating of the Research Agenda for the Alternative Learning System (RAFA)/ July 29, 2026



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Enclosure No. 1 to Regional Memorandum No. 802, s. 2026

REGIONAL ALS RESEARCH PRIORITIES AND EVIDENCE CONSOLIDATION

Schools Division Office: _____
Division ALS Focal Person: _____
Contact Number/Email Address: _____
Date Submitted: _____

A. Priority ALS Research Areas

List the top ALS research priorities of the division.

Priority Research Area	Brief Rationale
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B. Existing ALS Research Initiatives

Research Title	Status (Completed/Ongoing/Proposed)	Key Findings/Expected Outputs

C. Identified Research Gaps

Research Gap	Suggested Research Topic

D. Emerging ALS Implementation Issues

Issue/Challenge	Supporting Evidence/Data

E. Promising Practices and Innovations

Practice/Innovation	Evidence of Effectiveness

F. Recommendations for the Regional ALS Research Agenda

Prepared by:

Division ALS Focal Person

Noted by:

Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division

Approved by:

Schools Division Superintendent



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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR LEARNING SYSTEMS

MEMORANDUM
DM-OULS-2026-318

TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
REGIONAL ALS FOCAL PERSONS

FROM : JEROME T. BUENVIAJE
Assistant Secretary
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION TO THE WORKSHOP ON THE
DEVELOPMENT/UPDATING OF THE RESEARCH AGENDA FOR
THE ALS (RAFA)

DATE : July 21, 2026

The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Alternative Education (BAE), shall conduct the *Workshop on the Development/Updating of the Research Agenda for the ALS (RAFA)* from September 29 to October 1, 2026, in Pampanga.

The activity aims to:

1. gather inputs, insights, and recommendations from participants for the development and updating of the RAFA;
2. review and validate emerging research priorities, themes, and areas of inquiry relevant to ALS implementation and development; and
3. provide a venue for collaborative discussions, technical deliberations, and consensus-building on the proposed RAFA for 2027-2031.

In this regard, each Regional Office is requested to ensure the participation of the Regional ALS Focal Person or one (1) designated representative in the said Workshop.

To facilitate administrative preparations, identified participants are requested to accomplish the online registration form on or before **August 18, 2026**, through the QR code or link provided below:



<https://tinyurl.com/WRDURAFA>

Upon completion of the online registration, participants shall receive the access link for the Virtual Orientation scheduled on **August 20, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.** The orientation shall provide guidance on the workshop objectives, expected regional inputs, and preparatory requirements, including the submission of information on ALS research gaps, emerging implementation issues, priority research areas, promising practices, and other relevant data or references that shall support the technical mapping, validation, and prioritization of the proposed RAFA.

To ensure comprehensive and evidence-informed regional contributions, the Regional ALS Focal Persons are encouraged to coordinate with their respective Division ALS Focal Persons and other relevant stakeholders in consolidating regional research priorities, existing research initiatives, and supporting evidence prior to the Workshop. The consolidated regional inputs shall serve as key references during the technical discussions and consensus-building sessions.

Travel expenses and other authorized incidental expenses shall be charged against the directly released ALS funds to Regional Offices, subject to the availability of funds and existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Should there be any clarifications and/or queries, you may contact **Mr. David Kyle N. Laggui, Senior Education Program Specialist**, Bureau of Alternative Education, through email at davidkyle.laggui@deped.gov.ph, with a copy furnished bae.pqad@deped.gov.ph.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is directed.

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MALCOLM S. GARMA
Undersecretary for Operations

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

Workshop on the Development/Updating of the Research Agenda for the ALS (RAFA)

September 29 to October 1, 2026, Pampanga

Time	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2026	October 1, 2026
8:00-8:15AM	Arrival of Participants and Room Check-in	Management of Learning <i>Nationalistic Song</i> <i>Prayer</i> <i>Energizer</i> <i>Checking of Attendance</i> <i>Recapitulation</i>	Management of Learning <i>Nationalistic Song</i> <i>Prayer</i> <i>Energizer</i> <i>Checking of Attendance</i> <i>Recapitulation</i>
8:16-8:45AM		Regional Reporting: Presentation of Regional Research Gaps and Priorities	Consolidation: Presentation of the Consolidated Break-out Group Outputs
8:46-9:00AM			Ways Forward
9:01-9:45AM			Closing Message Evaluation Awarding of Certificates Photo Opportunity
9:46-10:00AM		SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK
10:01AM-12:00PM		Technical Mapping: Mapping of Regional ALS Research Priorities	Room Check-Out and Departure of Participants
12:01-1:00PM	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	
1:01-1:30 PM	Registration and Distribution of Workshop Kits	Validation Session: Critiquing of Consolidated Regional Research Priorities per Break-out group	
1:31-2:00 PM	Opening Program <i>National Anthem</i> <i>Prayer</i> <i>DepEd Quality Policy Statement</i> Welcome Remarks Acknowledgement of Participants and House Rules Statement of Purpose		
2:01-3:00 PM	Plenary Session: RAFA Transition and Research Gaps Analysis		