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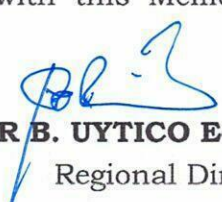
**CONDUCT OF THE PISA FOR SCHOOLS 2026 NATIONAL ORIENTATION
AND TRAINING FOR FIELD PERSONNEL**

To: Schools Division Superintendent of Negros Oriental
Chief Education Supervisors of Quality Assurance Division and Curriculum
and Learning Management Division
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a Memorandum from the Monitoring and Evaluation Office (MEO) of the DepEd Central Office titled Conduct of the PISA for Schools 2026 National Orientation and Training for Field Personnel.
2. The orientation and training sessions for Batch 2, which includes the Negros Island Region (NIR), will be conducted from September 9 to 11, 2026 at the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP) Region 2 Facility in Tuguegarao City.
3. The participants to the said activity are the following:

Official Name	Designated PISA-Based Test for Schools (PBTS) Role	Station / Office
JOHN ALBERT S. RECTO	Regional Testing Coordinator	Regional Office - QAD
DENNIS CHARL F. ANDALAJAO	Sample Division Testing Coordinator Representative	SDO Negros Oriental
NATHANIEL E. LAJOT	Lead Information Technology Officer	Regional Office - ICTU
DR. MAYLEEN JOY V. FARINAS	Lead Test Administrator	Regional Office-CLMD

4. The airfare and land travel expenses incurred by the participants to and from the venue shall be charged against local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. 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:

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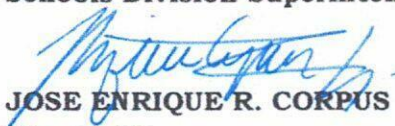


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MONITORING AND EVALUATION OFFICE

Office of the Director

MEMORANDUM

TO : **Regional Directors**
Schools Division Superintendents from PBTS Sampled Schools

FROM : 
JOSE ENRIQUE R. CORPUS
Director IV

SUBJECT : **Conduct of the PISA for Schools 2026 National Orientation and Training for Field Personnel**

DATE : August 27, 2026

The Department of Education, through the **Monitoring and Evaluation Office (MEO)**, will conduct the **National Orientation and Training of Field Personnel** for the Administration of the **PISA-Based Test for Schools (PBTS) 2026** (or hereafter referred to as **PISA for Schools 2026**) to ensure the successful implementation of and the quality of data to be collected from the main assessment.

The orientation and training will be held in two batches at the **National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP) Region 2 Facility** in **Tuguegarao City** on the following dates (inclusive of travel dates):

Dates	Participating Regions
September 2 – 4	I, II, III, IV-A, CAR, NCR, BARMM
September 9 – 11	V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, MIMAROPA, NIR, CARAGA

The orientation and training sessions aim to gather field testing personnel to discuss the standardized administration of the PISA for Schools assessment.

To ensure the success of this undertaking, we kindly request participants to adhere to the Training Information document attached herewith.

Thank you for your continuous support to and cooperation for this initiative.



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Enclosure to ____

**PISA-Based Test for Schools (PBTS) [PISA for Schools] Philippines 2026
National Orientation and Training of Testing Personnel**

September 3-4, 2026

National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP) Region 2

TRAINING INFORMATION

I. Overview

The **PBTS (PISA for Schools) Philippines 2026 National Training and Orientation of Testing Personnel** aims to equip field testing personnel with the necessary skills and knowledge for the standardized administration of the PISA for Schools 2026 Assessment. Guided by the experience from PISA 2025 Main Survey administration, this training emphasizes adherence to international protocols and ensures the quality of data to be collected from the main assessment.

The **PISA for Schools Secretariat**, under the **Monitoring and Evaluation Office (MEO)**, as the main focal team/office, plays a pivotal role in overseeing the orientation and training sessions and ensuring the successful implementation of the assessment and of the entire project.

II. Date and Venue

The training and orientation will take place at the **National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP) Region 2 Facility** on the following dates:

September 3-4 (Luzon except MIMAROPA and Region V)

September 10-11 (MIMAROPA, Region V, Visayas, Mindanao)

III. Participants

Participants in the orientation and training sessions will come from each of the 18 regions across the countries. Each region is tasked to send a **maximum of four (4) representatives** to the orientation and training comprised of the following:

- **Regional Testing Coordinator (1)**
- **Sample Division Testing Coordinator Representative (1)**
- **Lead Information Technology Officer (1)**
- **Lead Test Administrator (1)**

It is important to note that there will be no online registration, and **only those names submitted by the Regional Office and confirmed to be received by the PISA for Schools Secretariat as official testing personnel will be accommodated.**

Attendance by the designated and confirmed participants is critical to maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of the PISA for Schools project. Thus, proxies or alternate representatives will

not be permitted. Additionally, drivers and companions will not be given meals and accommodation allocations, as these are reserved exclusively for confirmed participants.

IV. Training and Orientation Guidelines

Attendance

Participants are required to sign the attendance sheet daily during the training and orientation sessions to confirm their presence and participation. Designated PISA for Schools Secretariat members will manage specific regions, and participants are requested to line up accordingly to ensure a smooth and organized process.

Participation Guidelines

Participants are advised to arrive at the venue ahead of the scheduled start time to ensure prompt attendance and avoid disruptions. Active listening during the orientation and training sessions is crucial for gaining a comprehensive understanding of their roles and responsibilities. Additionally, participants are encouraged to share their inputs during the parallel sessions, as this will provide valuable insights and assist the PISA for Schools Secretariat in ensuring the effective administration of the PISA for Schools Assessment 2026.

Equipment and Connectivity

To support the training activities, each region is requested to bring at least one laptop and extension cord. Regional ITOs should also bring a laptop that meets the PISA for Schools requirements for use during the hands-on exercises.

V. Financial Guidelines

Fund Allocation

The PISA for Schools Secretariat through MEO will allocate and download funds to regional offices to cover airfare and land travel expenses incurred by participants in going to and departing from the venue of the orientation and training. Regional offices through their respective RTCs will be notified through the official PISA for Schools email once the funds have been downloaded.

[TENTATIVE PROGRAM FLOW]

DAY 1 – September 3, 2026 (Thursday)			
TIME	ACTIVITY	RESOURCE PERSON/S	PARTICIPANTS
9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	Opening Program		All Participants
9:10 AM – 10:00 AM	Plenary Session: • Overview of PISA for Schools 2026 • Overview of Assessment Implementation • Roles of Testing Personnel • Presentation of Schedule for PISA for Schools 2026 Assessment and Other Timelines	Jeryl Abong	All Participants
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	BREAK (AM Snack)		All Participants
10:30 AM – 12:00 NN	Parallel Session 1.1 • Specific Roles and Responsibilities of Test Administrators (TAs) • TA Manual • Discussion of Key Activities for TAs • Forms and Paper Works	Jemimah Keren Carag and Josh Nicholae Fuentes	Lead Test Administrators
	Parallel Session 1.2 • Specific Roles and Responsibilities of School Coordinators (SC) and School Heads (SH) • SC and SH Manuals • Discussion of Key Activities for SCs and SHs • Job Aids and Paper Works	Vincent Jelo Quijano and Julius Ceazar Binayao	Regional Test Coordinators (RTCs) and PISA for Schools Focals
	Parallel Session 1.3 • Specific Roles and Responsibilities of Information Technology Officers (ITOs) • ITO Manual (Student Assessment Platform) and Key Activities • Job Aids and Paper Works	Jade Raphael Feliciano	Information Technology Officers (ITOs)
12:00 NN – 1:30 PM	BREAK (Lunch)		All Participants

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Parallel Session 2.1 • Script Reading • Simulation of Test Administration Exercise • Demo Log-in Simulation and Troubleshooting Exercises • Comprehension Check	Jemimah Keren Carag and Josh Nicholae Fuentes	Lead Test Administrators
	Parallel Session 2.2 • Student Orientation and Preparation of Assessment Plan • Preparation for the PISA for Schools 2026 School Questionnaire • Financial Requirements for PISA for Schools 2026 Assessment Administration		
	Parallel Session 2.3 • Demo Log-in Simulation and Troubleshooting Exercises • School Readiness Tool (SRT) and Individual Planning Exercises		
	BREAK (PM Snack)		
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Parallel Session 2.1 (CONTINUATION) • Script Reading • Simulation of Test Administration Exercise • Log-in Simulation and Troubleshooting Exercises • Comprehension Check	Jemimah Keren Carag and Josh Nicholae Fuentes	Lead Test Administrators
	Parallel Session 2.2 (CONTINUATION) • Student Orientation and Preparation of Assessment Plan • Financial Requirements for PISA for Schools 2026 Assessment Administration		
	Parallel Session 2.3 (CONTINUATION) • Demo Log-in Simulation and Troubleshooting Exercises • School Readiness Tool (SRT) and Individual Planning Exercises		
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM		Jade Raphael Feliciano	Information Technology Officers (ITOs)

DAY 2 – September 4, 2026 (Friday)			
TIME	ACTIVITY	RESOURCE PERSON/S	PARTICIPANTS
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Plenary Session: - Group Planning Assessment Plan per Region - Review and Update of Student Tracking Form (STF)	PISA for Schools Secretariat	All Participants
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	BREAK (AM Snack)		All Participants
10:30 AM – 12:00 NN	Plenary Session (CONTINUATION) - Group Planning Assessment Plan per Region - Review and Update of Student Tracking Form (STF) - Consultation with PISA for Schools Secretariat per Region	PISA for Schools Secretariat	All Participants
12:00 NN – 1:00 PM	BREAK (Lunch)		All Participants
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Plenary Session Regional Presentation of Assessment Plans (I, II, III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, V, NCR, CAR, NIR)	PISA for Schools Secretariat	All Participants
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	BREAK (PM Snack)		All Participants
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Plenary Session Regional Presentation of Assessment Plans (VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, CARAGA, BARMM)	PISA for Schools Secretariat	All Participants
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Closing Program - Final Announcements - Awarding of Certificates - Closing Remarks		All Participants
5:00 PM	EGRESS		All Participants