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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 428, s. 2026

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL LITERACY AWARDS (NLA)

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education - Literacy Coordination Council (DepEd-LCC), through DepEd Regional Office No. 02-Curriculum & Learning Management Division (RO2-CLMD), calls for nominations for the 2026 National Literacy Awards (NLA). The Awards recognize outstanding local government units (LGUs), non-government organizations (NGOs), and higher education institutions (HEIs) that have demonstrated exemplary and innovative literacy programs and interventions contributing to improved literacy outcomes and inclusive and sustainable literacy development.

2. In this regard, all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are hereby directed to immediately disseminate the 2026 NLA Guidelines to concerned LGUs, NGOs, HEIs, and other literacy stakeholders within their respective areas of jurisdiction, particularly those implementing literacy programs, projects, or initiatives that may qualify for nomination.

3. The 2026 NLA shall recognize exemplary initiatives under the following categories:

a. **Outstanding LGU Category**
   - Highly Urbanized City/Independent Component City;
   - Component City;
   - 1st to 3rd Class Municipality; and
   - 4th to 5th Class Municipality;

b. **Outstanding NGO Category;** and
c. **Outstanding HEI Category.**

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4. The SDOs shall identify and encourage potential nominees whose literacy programs, projects, or initiatives demonstrate significant and measurable outcomes and impact, particularly in improving literacy, addressing the needs of disadvantaged and marginalized sectors, promoting innovation and cultural responsiveness, engaging communities and stakeholders, and sustaining or institutionalizing literacy interventions.

5. The 2026 NLA Guidelines, nomination forms, and other related reference materials may be accessed and downloaded through the following link: https://tinyurl.com/2026NatLiteracyAwardsMLAMat. The SDOs are encouraged to share the link with concerned agencies, organizations, institutions, and potential nominees to facilitate access to the prescribed guidelines and nomination materials.

6. Interested nominees shall coordinate with their respective SDOs for initial screening and technical assistance in the preparation of their nomination packages. All nominations shall comply with the documentary and other requirements prescribed under DepEd Memorandum No. 062, s. 2026.

7. Before forwarding the nomination packages to the Regional Office (RO), the SDOs shall conduct initial screening and verification to ensure the completeness, accuracy, consistency, and adequacy of the required documents and supporting evidence. Only qualified and complete nomination packages shall be endorsed for regional evaluation.

8. In view of the limited time available for regional screening, evaluation, validation, deliberation, and endorsement of entries for national submission, all SDOs shall submit their complete nomination packages, duly signed and endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS), to the Regional Office **on or before October 19, 2026 (Monday), at 5:00 PM**.

9. Only complete nomination packages received within the prescribed deadline and duly signed and endorsed by the SDS shall be considered for evaluation and selection by the Regional Selection Committee (RSC). Late submissions and nomination packages without the required SDS signature and endorsement may no longer be accommodated due to the limited time available for the regional selection process.

10. Upon receipt of the nominations, the RO, through the RSC, shall undertake the regional evaluation and selection process, which may include screening, scoring, shortlisting, validation, deliberation, and endorsement of qualified entries to the national level. The evaluation shall consider the quality and credibility of the nomination, measurable literacy outcomes and impact, innovation, inclusivity, sustainability, and potential for replication or scaling up.

11. All SDOs are enjoined to strictly observe the October 19, 2026, 5:00 PM deadline to provide sufficient time for the RO to complete the evaluation, validation, deliberation, documentation, and endorsement of the Region's qualified entries for national submission.

12. For further information and clarification, please contact Dr. Octavio V. Cabasag, Chief Education Supervisor, CLMD, DepEd Regional Office No. 02, through mobile number 0998-538-5668 or email at clmd.region2@deped.gov.ph or Mr. Roderic B. Guinucay, EPS-CLMD,ALS/Regional LCC-NLA Coordinator at CP# 0955-7296-846.

13. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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