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TO — **Regional Directors**
Schools Division Superintendents
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FROM — **ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff
Office of the Secretary

SUBJECT — **National Competitive Examination for School Year 2027–2028**

DATE — October 22, 2026

1. The Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of Science and Technology–Philippine Science High School System (DOST-PSHSS), announces that applications are now open for the **National Competitive Examination (NCE)** for school year (SY) 2027–2028, scheduled on January 30, 2027.

2. To be eligible for the examination, applicants must meet the following requirements:

   a. Be a Grade 6 student for SY 2026–2027 from a DepEd-recognized school;
   b. Have a final grade of 85% or better in Science and Mathematics in the Grade 5 report card (SY 2025–2026), or belong to the top 10% of the batch;
   c. Be a Filipino citizen;
   d. Be 15 years old or below by June 30, 2027;
   e. Have at least a satisfactory character rating;
   f. Be in good health and fit for a rigorous academic program; and
   g. Have not previously applied for admission to PSHSS.

3. Interested applicants may submit their applications online through nce.pshs.edu.ph or visit the nearest PSHSS campus or DOST Regional or Provincial Office by **November 7, 2026**.

4. To assist Grade 6 learners in preparing for the NCE, DOST-PSHSS has organized the **Tulong Dunong Program** under the Inclusive Science and Technology Education Program for Uplifting the Performance of Filipino Learners (I STEP UP), which provides free review activities.

October 29, 2026

To: ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

For information, dissemination and appropriate action.

BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS PhD, CESO III
Director IV/ Regional Director

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6. For more information, interested parties may contact:

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Philippine Science High School System
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