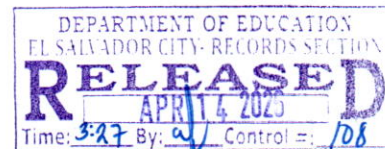




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 REGION X - NORTHERN MINDANAO
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF EL SALVADOR CITY



April 13, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
 NO. 108, s. 2026

PROJECT HANDA DEPED SCHOOL READINESS 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
 Chief Education Supervisors
 Education Program Supervisors
 All Public and Private Elementary School Heads
 All Public and Private Secondary School Heads
 All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Regional Memorandum No. 327, s. 2026 titled “*Project HANDA: DepEd School Readiness 2026*,” this Office hereby disseminates the guidelines for the implementation of Project HANDA in all public schools in this Division. Project HANDA aims to ensure that all schools are fully prepared for the opening of classes for School Year 2026–2027 through systematic assessment and timely provision of necessary interventions on school readiness components such as infrastructure, learning resources, personnel, and support services.

In line with this, all School Heads are hereby directed to:

- a. Conduct a comprehensive school readiness assessment using the prescribed tool provided by the regional office through this link:

https://bit.ly/ELSA2026_ProjectHanda

- b. Accomplish the required data gathering form.
 - c. Submit accurate and updated information on or before the specified deadline.
 - d. Coordinate with concerned stakeholders to address identified gaps and ensure readiness prior to the opening of classes; and
 - e. Designate a focal person who will oversee the data submission and coordination for Project HANDA.
2. Education Program Supervisors are instructed to monitor and validate the submissions of schools under their jurisdiction and provide necessary technical assistance.




Address: Zone 3, Tuburan, Poblacion, El Salvador City
 Telephone Nos.: (088) 882-6326
 Email Address: elsalvador.city@deped.gov.ph
 Website: depedelsalvadorcity.org

Doc. Ref. Code	SDO-OSDS-F001	Rev	00
Effectivity	08.29.25	Page	1 of 2



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION X - NORTHERN MINDANAO
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF EL SALVADOR CITY

3. For guidance and clarification, you may contact the following Focal Persons for each indicator:
 - 3.1. Engr. Vince Villalon Fernandez - School Infrastructure and Facilities
 - 3.2. Vanessa Prores L. Tiad - Wash in Schools Program
 - 3.3. Jurica Ethel L. Estrada - Safety and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM & LRPO)
 - 3.4. Sherrie Dungog - Digital Readiness and Connectivity
 - 3.5. Franz Maybelle M. Gaid - School-Based Feeding Program
 - 3.6. Roque L. Sabasaje - Senior High School/Technical Vocational-Livelihood Readiness
 - 3.7. Marie Jade A. Cacayan - Senior High School Immersion and Employment Opportunities
 - 3.8. Cheriemy D. General - Partnerships and Brigada Mobilization
 - 3.9. Ninian A. Alcasid - Learning Readiness
4. The Schools Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) shall consolidate all submissions and submit the Division report to the Regional Office within the prescribed timeline.
5. All concerned are enjoined to give this activity their utmost support to ensure a smooth and orderly opening of classes.
6. This office shall adhere to the Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP) in the steps undertaken for this purpose. Hence, all decisions and actions shall be based on guidelines set forth, with no discrimination on the account of age, gender, identity, sexual orientation, civil status, disability, religion, ethnicity, or political affiliation.
7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is hereby directed.


RANDOLPH B. TORTOLA
Schools Division Superintendent

ATCH.: As stated
Reference: Regional Memorandum No. 327, s. 2026
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

Social Mobilization

RE: Deped Project Handa 2026
SGOD/cdg



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 REGION X - NORTHERN MINDANAO

26-152963

Original Copy of Two

RELEASED
 3236
 BY: *[Signature]* DATE: 4-1-26

March 25, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
 No. 327, s. 2026

PROJECT HANDA: DEPED SCHOOL READINESS 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 All Others Concerned

1. This issuance refers to the Unnumbered DepEd Memorandum, dated March 24, 2026, regarding Project HANDA: DepEd School Readiness 2026.
2. The Memorandum is in preparation for the coming School Year 2026-2027 directing all concerned offices to undertake the necessary preparatory activities to ensure a smooth and timely opening of classes. Annex A specifies the timelines for submission of various reports related to the opening of classes.
3. For further inquiries and concerns, kindly directly communicate with the OSEC through email at osec@deped.gov.ph or through telephone at (02) 8633-7208.
4. This Office directs the immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum.

DR. RUTH L. FUENTES, CESO III
 Regional Director

For the Regional Director:

DR. FEDERICO P. MARTIN, CESO V
 Assistant Regional Director

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

PROGRAMS PROJECTS REPORTS

ESSD/fat3



Address: DepEd Regional Office X, Zone 1, Upper Balulang, Cagayan de Oro City
 Telephone No: (088) 881-3137
 Email Address: region10@deped.gov.ph
 Website: r10.deped.gov.ph

Doc. Ref. Code	RO-ORD-F013	Rev	01
Effectivity	01.22.24	Page	1 of 1

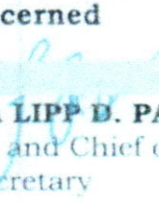




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

TO : Executive Committee Members
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

FROM : 
ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff
Office of the Secretary

SUBJECT : Project HANDA: DepEd School Readiness 2026

DATE : March 24, 2026



In preparation for the upcoming school year 2026-2027, the Department of Education directs all concerned strands and offices to undertake the necessary preparatory activities to ensure a smooth and timely opening of classes.

All concerned strands and offices are instructed to review their respective plans, programs, and deliverables, and to coordinate closely with relevant offices to ensure the efficient delivery of educational services. Compliance with the timelines specified in **Annex A** of this Memorandum is required to ensure overall system readiness for the incoming school year.

Progress updates and status reports shall be submitted in accordance with the reporting schedule indicated in Annex A. Any issues or concerns that may affect compliance with the prescribed timelines must be promptly communicated to this Office for appropriate guidance and support.

For strict compliance.



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Annex A

Project HANDA: DepEd School Readiness 2026

A. School Infrastructure and Facilities

- Conduct inspections of schools to assess:
 - Furniture requiring replacement
 - Electrical wiring conditions
 - Structural integrity, especially in high-risk areas**Deadline:** April 15, 2026

- Prepare and submit a list of priority repairs; implement immediate fixes where feasible.
Deadline: April 30, 2026 (submission); immediate fixes ongoing until May 30, 2026.

- Inspect water supply, toilets, and handwashing facilities; prioritize critical WASH repairs.
Deadline: April 15, 2026 (inspection); May 30, 2026 (repairs).

- Prioritize LCS new construction for completion by the end of May.
Deadline: May 30, 2026

B. Sites and Expansion

- Validate additional sites for schools division offices with no available or insufficiently validated sites
Deadline: April 30, 2026

- Submit updated inventory and status of all proposed sites.
Deadline: April 30, 2026

- Identify potential sites for leasing or purchase.
Deadline: May 15, 2026

- Coordinate with local government units (LGUs) and partners for available land or facilities.
Deadline: May 30, 2026

C. Safety and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM)

- Identify priority schools for:
 - CCTV: Large, high-traffic schools; with security concerns (e.g., Learner Protection Concerns). Schools are also highly encouraged to procure CCTVs to monitor the safety and security of learners.**Deadline:** April 10, 2026

- Metal detectors: High-risk, high-density areas
Deadline: April 10, 2026 (to allow installation in selected schools in connection with Health Week from April 13 to 19, 2026).
- Update school DRRM plans and hazard maps and pre-position EduKahon kits.
Deadline: May 15, 2026
- Check availability of emergency supplies and safety equipment.
Deadline: May 15, 2026
- Conduct readiness checks for disaster-prone schools.
Deadline: May 30, 2026

D. Digital Readiness and Connectivity

- Identify priority schools for Wi-Fi (Khan Academy): those with the largest learning gaps and available devices, but no reliable internet.
Deadline: April 30, 2026
- Conduct inventory of all devices (tablets, laptops, TVs) and assess functionality. At present, 78% of schools have submitted data.
Deadline: March 30, 2026
- Identify needs for repair, redistribution, or augmentation.
Deadline: May 15, 2026
- Pre-load learning resources (offline content where applicable).
Deadline: May 30, 2026

E. School-Based Feeding Program

- Map local food sources (farmers, cooperatives, suppliers) per division.
Deadline: April 30, 2026
- Coordinate with the Department of Agriculture, LGUs, and local producers for partnerships.
Deadline: May 15, 2026
- Identify cost-efficient and sustainable supply options, including Gulayan sa Paaralan.
Deadline: May 15, 2026
- Prepare division level sourcing plans prior to school opening.
Deadline: May 30, 2026

F. Senior High School/Technical-Vocational-Livelihood Readiness

- Validate availability of workshops, tools, and equipment for Technical-Vocational-Livelihood (TVL) tracks.
Deadline: April 30, 2026
- Coordinate with TESDA for assessment and certification support.
Deadline: May 15, 2026

- Engage industry partners for immersion and employment opportunities.
Deadline: May 30, 2026
- Firm up industry Mapping: Cross-reference the specific TVL specializations offered by schools with the actual labor needs in the local municipality/city to ensure high employability for graduates.
Deadline: May 10, 2026
- Finalize details on additional (Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses) MOOE support for Strengthened Senior High School (SSHS) Pilot schools in support of Technical-Professional (TechPro) Elective offerings
Deadline: May 15, 2026

G. Partnerships and Brigada Eskwela Mobilization

- Pre-identify school needs (repairs, cleaning, materials) based on inspection results.
Deadline: April 30, 2026
- Secure early commitments from LGUs, private partners, and volunteers.
Deadline: May 15, 2026
- Align Brigada Eskwela efforts with priority repairs and classroom readiness.
Deadline: May 30, 2026

H. Learning Readiness

- Prioritize target learning outcomes based on assessment results and identified learning gaps
Deadline: April 25, 2026
- Issue a call for tutors and volunteers, aligned with targeted learning competency gaps.
Deadline: April 30, 2026
- Conduct an inventory of remediation packages and resources.
Deadline: May 15, 2026
- Match and deploy resources to schools requiring remediation support, based on learners' assessed needs and desired learning outcomes
- **Deadline:** May 30, 2026

I. Progress Reporting:

- Initial report: April 15, 2026
- Mid-point report: May 15, 2026
- Final report: May 30, 2026