



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

April 14, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 215, s. 2026

**2026 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (NFOT) COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FROM THE SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN**

To: **OIC, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Principals/Head Teachers In-Charge of the District
Senior/Education Program Specialists
Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary, and Integrated Schools
All Others Concerned**

1. The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD), shall conduct the **2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT)** on **April 18-22, 2026**, in the **Schools Division of Roxas City, Province of Capiz**.
2. The Regional Office VI, the host region of the Festival, requested an augmentation from the Schools Division of Aklan for the provision of 330 complete sets of beddings to be distributed to the three host schools in the Division of Roxas City.
3. The following DepEd Personnel shall facilitate the delivery of beddings on April 14, 2026, and retrieval on April 23, 2026, to wit:

Truck No.1 (Western District)	Truck No.2 (Kalibo I & 2)	Truck No.3 (Eastern District)
1. Mark T. Daroy	1. Antonino F. Tolentino	1. Lino S. Quisote
2. Dolyn T. Taborda	2. Carlo L. Tropa	2. John Adrian U. Navarra
		3. Marbie F. Roberto

4. The travel expenses and per diem of DepEd Personnel and hauling expenses of the three (3) trucks to deliver the beddings from the Schools Division



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of Aklan to the host schools in the Schools Division of Capiz and vice-versa, shall be charged to **Division MOOE** and **other eligible funds**, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.


FELICIANO C. BUENAFE JR., CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent *fw*

Enclosure: as stated

Reference: DepEd Memorandum No. 019, s. 2026

Allotment: none

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
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2026 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private School Heads
Attached Agencies
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the commitment toward the holistic development of learners through co-curricular activities complementing academic learning, and in support of the Department of Education's (DepEd) Five-Point Reform Agenda and Quality Basic Education Development Plan (Q-BEDP), the Learning Systems Strand, through the Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD), will conduct the **2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT) in Roxas City, Capiz, Region VI, from April 18 to 22, 2026.**

2. The conduct of the 2026 NFOT is anchored on Section 7 of Republic Act (RA) No. 9155 also known as Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001, which vests the Secretary of Education with the authority, accountability, and responsibility for basic education, including the formulation and implementation of programs and activities supportive of holistic learner development.

3. With the theme, **Embracing Change, Redefining Excellence**, the 2026 NFOT underscores the need to embrace change in gauging learners' holistic development by showcasing inclusive, authentic, and interdisciplinary products and performances on a national platform. It also highlights the significance of redefining academic excellence beyond traditional approaches by promoting the integration of knowledge across disciplines and encouraging learners to be creative, innovative, and collaborative in demonstrating their multiple intelligences and 21st-century skills to successfully thrive in a dynamic, interconnected, and future-ready world.

The 2026 NFOT shall serve as a grand celebration of talents and skills, where change is embraced, and excellence is redefined by what learners can create, apply, and contribute meaningfully to nation-building.

4. Pursuant to DepEd Order (DO) No. 12, s. 2025, titled Multi-year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities, the NFOT is an annual DepEd co-curricular program conducted as a **culminating performance** of learners that provides meaningful learning opportunities to showcase multiple intelligences, value-laden talents, and 21st-century skills as solid evidence of learning across

academic areas and inclusive education programs. It is anchored on the Revised Basic Education Curriculum and supports DepEd's core values and goal of producing holistically developed Filipinos, while also contributing to the development of learners' competencies in various creative industry domains in support of RA 11904 also known as An Act Providing for the Development and Promotion of the Philippine Creative Industries, and Appropriating Funds Therefor.

5. Official delegates shall be composed of learner-participants from public and private elementary and secondary schools and/or Community Learning Centers (CLCs) across the regions who have excelled in the Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT), including teacher-coaches and nonteaching personnel. They are requested to complete the whole duration of the 2026 NFOT and support all its activities.

6. Participation is **voluntary at the learners' level**, while the **participation of teachers and nonteaching personnel is considered official**, authorized, and subject to the approval of the appropriate head of office. **No individual shall be allowed to collect any kind of contributions or fees from learners or teachers for the 2026 NFOT**, in accordance with the provisions of DO 19, s. 2008, titled Implementation of No Collection Policy in All Public Elementary and Secondary Schools.

7. All regions shall ensure that the preparations of their official delegates for the 2026 NFOT do not affect time-on-task, pursuant to DO 9, s. 2005, titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.

8. All participating teaching personnel shall be granted 7.5 days of vacation service credits (VSC), in accordance with DO 013, s. 2024, titled Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers. However, for those who do not complete the whole duration, 1 hour of actual service rendered shall be equivalent to 1.5 hours of VSC. All participating nonteaching personnel shall be granted Compensatory Time Off (CTO) for weekend travel days, in accordance with the Civil Service Commission and Department of Budget and Management's Joint Circular No. 1, s. 2015, titled Policies and Guidelines on Overtime Services and Overtime Pay for Government Employees.

9. DepEd officials and personnel who are not part of the official delegates may attend the 2026 NFOT on **official business** and at the discretion of the head of office. However, for the whole duration of their stay in Roxas City, they shall be responsible for making arrangements such as travel, meals, and board and lodging to be charged to their **local funds**.

10. To ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all official delegates, strict observance of minimum health and security protocols shall be implemented in all events and billeting venues. All activities shall likewise comply with DO 40, s. 2012, titled DepEd Child Protection Policy, and other applicable DepEd issuances on health standards and established medical and emergency response mechanisms, particularly in view of the participation and travel of learners.

11. For the details of the different events and guidelines, see **Enclosure Nos. 1 and 2**.

12. All eligible expenses relative to the 2026 NFOT shall be charged to the **2026 Basic Education Curriculum Funds** directly released to the regions and local funds per guidelines on the utilization of Program Support Funds, subject to the usual


government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. If the travel expenses exceed the allocated funds for the region or division, the remaining costs shall be covered by available sources or local funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

13. For official delegates from the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), expenses shall be charged to **local funds** or **other eligible fund sources**, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

14. For inquiries and other concerns, please contact the **Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division**, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, through **Ms. Marites Paiton-Romen** and/or **Mr. Denn Marc P. Alayon**, through email at nfot.blidsid@deped.gov.ph or at telephone number (02) 8637-4346.

15. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.




SONNY ANGARA
Secretary *28/3/26*

Encl.:

As stated

References:

DepEd Order (No. 12, s. 2025; 013, s. 2024; 46, s.2022; 43, s. 2022; 40, s. 2012; 19, s. 2008; and 9, s. 2005)
DepEd Memorandum No. 039, s. 2025

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