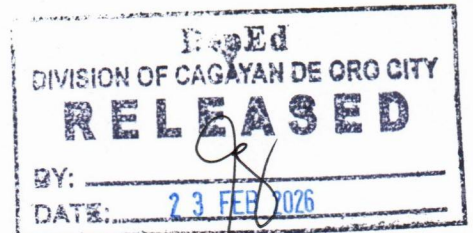




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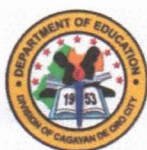
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DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. 201 s. 2026

REITERATION OF THE ACADEMIC AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT TO  
LEARNERS PARTICIPATING IN THE 2026 RSPC AND RFOT  
AND SUBMISSION OF THE SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division  
Curriculum Implementation Division Personnel  
Public and Private School Heads  
This Division

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) explicitly designed the Basic Curriculum Program as holistic, promoting overall well-being. Learners participating in co-curricular activities such as school press conferences and festivals of talents are not academically disadvantaged but are formed holistically.
2. With the postponement of the Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) and Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) on March 13-17, 2026, in Balingasag, Misamis Oriental, due to Typhoon Basyang that hit Iligan City, the intensive training is extended.
3. Referring to Division Memorandum No. 78, s. 2026, intensive training shall be conducted on February 23-28 and March 2-10, 2026. A separate memorandum will be issued for Division Initiative Training.
4. In compliance with DO 9, s. 2005, Instituting Measures to Increase Engage Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith, teacher-coaches shall ensure that the training will not hamper their teaching loads assigned.
5. Schools are authorized to conduct "intensive training sessions" or "camps" to upskill qualifiers. The learner is not "absent" in class but is on official representation.



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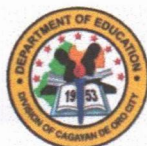
6. The necessary support of the school faculty and staff in the learner's preparation and participation is expected to be given due consideration as stated in Division Memorandum No. 25, s. 2026. Arrangements shall be made by the school, led by the school principal. Considering the following:

- a. Academic Right Protection. Schools must ensure that participation in authorized co-curricular activities does not result in academic disadvantages or discriminatory treatment.
- b. Psychosocial Support. Learners cannot be penalized for missing "graded recitations" or "board work" performed while they were in training. Teachers are encouraged to treat the learner's training outputs and contest participation as a Performance Task (PT) for relevant subjects.
- c. Provision of Support Materials. Teachers are directed to provide advance copies of self-learning materials and/or lesson summaries so participants can "cope with their learning episodes" while on training and in the contest.
- d. Special Testing Schedules. Learners are entitled to a special schedule for quarterly examinations and enough time to complete missed written works or performance tasks.
- e. Catch-up Sessions. Schools are to conduct remedial or catch-up sessions if needed for learners who miss significant instructional time.
- f. Consent of parent/guardian for the participation shall be secured before allowing the learners to train especially on days that will fall on weekends or beyond school hours. This document shall be secured by the coaches.
- g. Special Recognition. Learners who represent the school and win in competitions (District to International levels) are eligible for "Special Recognition" during the end-of-year rites.

7. The Division Monitoring Team, Contest Focal Persons, and School Heads are to monitor the weekly progress of training of the qualifiers in person and by filling out the monitoring tracking sheet provided (<https://tinyurl.com/2025RSPCOutputstrack>).

8. Schools are to submit their Social Support Team for RSPC and RFOT on or before February 27, 2026, duly signed by all concerned personnel to the Division RFOT and RSPC Lead Coordinators. Members of the team shall be acknowledged as co-coaches.

9. Teachers and non-teaching personnel who have rendered services for school-based and division-initiated training after the Official Announcement of Winners of DSPC and DFOT shall be granted Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) or Leave Credits during time or days that fall beyond their working hours or on holidays or weekends in accordance with the CSC and DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004.



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10. In adherence to Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP), inclusive and fair treatment is accorded to all personnel regardless of disability, sexual orientation, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity.

11. This Office directs immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum.

**ROY ANGELO E. GAZO**  
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: none

Reference: DO 9, s. 2005, DO no. 66, s. 2017, DO no. 21, s. 2019, DO no. 34, s. 2022, DM no. 25, s. 2026, DM no. 78, s. 2026

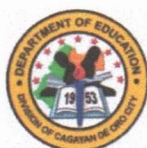
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