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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0932, s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

AMENDMENT TO REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 0750, S. 2026

1. In reference to Regional Memorandum No. 0750, s. 2026, this Office announces that the **2026 Regional Search for Best Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) Implementers** has been rescheduled to **September 16-25, 2026**.
2. **Administrative Arrangements.** Accommodation expenses incurred during the onsite validation shall be charged against the respective GPP Funds of the following Schools Division Offices (SDOs): Surigao City Division, Surigao del Norte Division, Dinagat Islands Division, Surigao del Sur Division, and Bislig City Division.
3. **Added enclosures.** The list of finalists per SDOs, itinerary, and tabulation form for consolidation are found in the enclosure.
4. **No disruption of classes.** During the onsite validation, adherence to DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026, titled "*Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education*", must be strictly observed. No programs or other events shall be conducted during the onsite validation period that may disrupt regular school operations and instructional activities.
5. All other provisions in the previous Memorandum shall remain in effect.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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**LIST OF FINALISTS FOR THE 2026 REGIONAL SEARCH FOR BEST GULAYAN
SA PAARALAN PROGRAM (GPP) IMPLEMENTERS**

SDOs	Elementary Category	Secondary Category
Agusan del Norte	Santiago Central Elementary School	Agay National High School
Agusan del Sur	Alegria Elementary School	Democrito O. Plaza Memorial National High School
Bayugan City	Mt. Olive Elementary School	Bayugan National Comprehensive High School
Bislig City	San Vicente Elementary School	Mabog National High School
Butuan City	Sta. Cruz Elementary School	Florida National High School
Cabadbaran City	Calamba Elementary School	La Union Senior High School
Dinagat Islands	Malinao Elementary School	Llamera National High School
Siargao	Corazon Elementary School	No entry
Surigao City	Sukailang Elementary School	Anomar National High School
Surigao del Norte	Tagana-an Central Elementary School	Campo National High School
Surigao del Sur	Tambis Central Elementary School	Quezon Integrated School
Tandag City	Tandag Central Elementary School	Vicente L. Pimentel, Sr. National High School



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ITINERARY

Time	Activity	Persons Responsible
September 16, 2026		
6:00 am – 8:00 am	Arrival of Regional Search Committee (RSC) in the Station	DepEd RO Personnel
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Evaluation in Sta. Cruz ES, Butuan City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Evaluation in Florida NHS, Butuan City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Arrival in Agusan del Norte Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Evaluation in Santiago CES, Agusan del Norte Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Evaluation in Agay NHS, Agusan del Norte Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Agusan del Norte Division to Butuan City	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
September 17, 2026		
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Station to Cabadbaran City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Evaluation in Calamba ES, Cabadbaran City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Evaluation in La Union SHS, Cabadbaran City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Arrival in Surigao City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Evaluation in Sukailang ES, Surigao City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Evaluation in Anomar	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC

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	NHS, Surigao City Division	
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Arrival in the Accommodation (Surigao City)	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
September 18, 2026		
5:00 am – 8:00 am	Arrival in Siargao Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Evaluation in Corazon ES, Siargao Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Arrival in Surigao del Norte Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Evaluation in Tagana-an CES, Surigao del Norte Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Evaluation in Campo NHS, Surigao del Norte Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Surigao City to Butuan City	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
September 21, 2026		
6:00 am – 8:00 am	Station to Agusan del Sur Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Evaluation in Alegria ES, Agusan del Sur Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Evaluation in Democrito O. Plaza Memorial NHS, Agusan del Sur Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Arrival in Bayugan City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
01:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Evaluation in Mt. Olive ES, Bayugan City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
02:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Evaluation in Bayugan NCHS, Bayugan City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC



3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Bayugan City to Accommodation (Surigao del Norte)	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
September 22, 2026		
5:00 am – 10:00 am	Arrival Dinagat Islands Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Evaluation in Llamera NHS, Dinagat Islands Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Evaluation in Malinao ES, Dinagat Islands Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Arrival in Accommodation (Dinagat Islands)	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
September 23, 2026		
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Surigao City to Tandag City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Evaluation in Tandag CES, Tandag City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Evaluation Vicente L. Pimentel, Sr. NHS, Tandag City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Arrival in the Accommodation (Surigao del Sur)	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
September 24, 2026		
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Arrival in Surigao del Sur Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Evaluation in Tambis CES, Surigao del Sur Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Arrival in Quezon IS, Surigao del Sur Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Evaluation in Quezon IS, Surigao del Sur Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Arrival in the Accommodation (Bislig City)	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
September 25, 2026		
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Arrival in Bislig City Division s	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Evaluation in San Vicente ES, Bislig City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Arrival in Mabog NHS, Bislig City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Evaluation in Mabog NHS, Bislig City Division	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Bislig City to Butuan City	DepEd RO Personnel and RSC



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TABULATION FORM

A. Tabulation form for elementary category.

SDOs	Name of the School	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Average Score	Rank
Agusan del Norte	Santiago Central Elementary School					
Agusan del Sur	Alegria Elementary School					
Bayugan City	Mt. Olive Elementary School					
Bislig City	San Vicente Elementary School					
Butuan City	Sta. Cruz Elementary School					
Cabadbaran City	Calamba Elementary School					
Dinagat Islands	Malinao Elementary School					
Siargao	Corazon Elementary School					
Surigao City	Sukailang Elementary School					
Surigao del Norte	Tagana-an Central Elementary School					
Surigao del Sur	Tambis Central Elementary School					
Tandag City	Tandag Central Elementary School					

B. Tabulation form for secondary category.

SDOs	Name of the School	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Average Score	Rank
Agusan del Norte	Agay National High School					
Agusan del Sur	Democrito O. Plaza Memorial National High School					
Bayugan City	Bayugan National Comprehensive High School					
Bislig City	Mabog National High School					
Butuan City	Florida National High School					
Cabadbaran City	La Union Senior High School					
Dinagat Islands	Llamera National High School					
Siargao	No entry					
Surigao City	Anomar National High School					
Surigao del Norte	Campo National High School					
Surigao del Sur	Quezon Integrated School					
Tandag City	Vicente L. Pimentel, Sr. National High School					





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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: Schools Division Superintendents
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2026 REGIONAL SEARCH FOR BEST GULAYAN SA PAARALAN PROGRAM
(GPP) IMPLEMENTERS

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) Caraga Region, through the Education Support Services Division - Health and Nutrition Unit (ESSD-HNU), shall conduct the **2026 Regional Search for Best Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) Implementers** on **September 15-24, 2026**.

2. The activity aims to:

- a. **recognize** schools that have demonstrated exemplary performance in implementing the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP);
- b. **identify** best practices and innovative strategies that may be shared with and replicated by the other schools;
- c. **validate** the implementation of the program relative to its objectives.

3. **Participants:** All public elementary, secondary, and integrated schools.

4. **Mechanics and Guidelines:**

a. **Eligibility:** The Regional Search for Best GPP School Implementers is open to all public elementary and secondary schools in DepEd Caraga Region, regardless of whether they are recipients or non-recipients of GPP financial assistance from the DepEd Central Office or partner National Government Agencies (NGAs) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs). Integrated schools may participate in the search and shall compete under the Secondary Category. Each Schools Division Office (SDO) may nominate one school per category.

b. **Categories:**

- i. Best Elementary School GPP Implementer
- ii. Best Secondary School GPP Implementer

c. **Awards:** Top three schools in each category with the highest overall scores shall receive a plaque, cash award, token, and a certificate of recognition. All other finalists shall receive a certificate of recognition and token. Cash awards are as follows:



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First Prize	P15,000.00
Second Prize	P10,000.00
Third Prize	P5,000.00

d. **Submission and Deadline:** Each SDO shall submit one nomination per category on or before 5:00 p.m. on September 4, 2026, through email at melodylouvillaplaza.deped.gov@gmail.com. Late submissions shall not be accepted.

e. **Means of verification (MOVs):** as prescribed in the enclosed criteria, shall be submitted and be presented during the onsite validation. Only the MOVs submitted online shall be considered during the validation. No additional documents, evidence, or MOVs shall be accepted during the onsite validation.

f. **Declaration of Winners:** The school that obtains the highest overall score in each category shall be declared as the 2026 Regional Winners for Best GPP Implementers.

5. The Criteria for Evaluation are found in the enclosure. The schedule and itinerary for the onsite visit shall be followed.

6. **Administrative Arrangements:**

- a. **Accommodation and meals** during the onsite validation shall be charged against the respective SDOs to be visited, based on the approved itinerary.
- b. **The awarding ceremony** shall be held during the **2026 Pahinungod sa Kabulig**. The exact date will be announced once it has been finalized.

7. **Regional Search Committee (RSC) and Facilitators.**

a. The RSC members:

Chairman	Department of Agriculture - High Value Crop Development Program (DA-HVCDP) Representative
Vice-Chairman	Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) Representative
Member	Caraga State University – College of Agriculture and Agri-Industries (CSU-CAA) Representative



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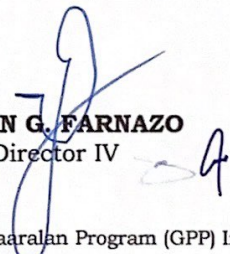
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b. Regional Facilitators:

Name	Station/Office
Edmund D. Mendoza, PhD	RO-ESSD
Jumer C. Carlon, MD	RO-ESSD
Rena Grace G. Tul-id	RO-ESSD
Melody Lou B. Villaplaza	RO-ESSD

8. **Contact Information:** For inquiries, please contact **Ms. Melody Lou B. Villaplaza**, SBFP Technical Assistant, Education Support Service Division, at melodylouvillaplaza.deped.gov@gmail.com or 09705364602.

9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


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**2026 REGIONAL SEARCH FOR BEST GPP IMPLEMENTER
CRITERIA**

Name of School:

Principal:

Name of School GPP Coordinator:

Date of Evaluation:

CRITERIA	WEIGHT	ACTUAL POINTS
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION		
1. Most varied (<i>Varieties of vegetables planted</i>)	(10)	
1.a. 1-10 varieties	2	
1.b. 11-20	4	
1.c. 21-30	6	
1.d. more than 30 varieties	10	
2. Most productive	(10)	
2.1 using organic inputs or bio-intensive gardening		
2.1.a. for soil fertility	(3)	
- 0-2 methods	1	
- 3 or more methods	3	
2.1.b. for pest management	(3)	
- 0-2 methods	1	
- 3 or more methods	3	
2.2 Vegetable products	(4)	
2.2.a. 50% of vegetables have products	1	
2.2.b. 70% of vegetables have products	2	
2.2.c. 80% and above have products	4	
3. Most wide (<i>School area planted with vegetables, estimated area if with hanging plants</i>)	(5)	
3.1. Below 200sqm	1	
3.2. 251-300sqm	2	
3.3. 301-350sqm	3	
3.4. 351 sqm and above	5	
4. Most sustained	(10)	
Sustainability based on:		
- calendar of planting vegetables	2	
- reports of harvest	2	
-eco-friendly considering the 3R's principle of reduce, reuse, recycle	2	
-school narrative report	2	
-all year round productive	2	



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5. Most shared	(10)	
Sharing of garden yields/proceeds based on records for:		
5.1 Supplementary Feeding	(4)	
5.1.a. less than 40%	2	
5.1.b. more than 40%	4	
5.2 Pupils'/Volunteers' Share	(3)	
5.2.a. less than 20%	1	
5.2.b. more than 20%	3	
5.3 Maintenance of Food Production Project	(3)	
5.3.a. less than 40%	1	
5.3.b. more than 40%	3	
PROJECT MANAGEMENT		
1. Functional School/District-Municipal	(5)	
Technical Working Committee on Gulayan sa Paaralan as to:		
-School Memo for the creation of members		
-Frequency of TWG meetings as seen in logbook		
-Action Plan for GPP SY 2026-2027		
2. Community Involvement	(5)	
# of household garden replicated (random sampling)		
1-2	1	
3-4	2	
5-6	3	
7-9	4	
10 and above	5	
3. Activities/Plans of GPP Included in SIP	(5)	
4. Advocacy Campaign	(10)	
4.1. Availability of nutritional dimensions of food production and related messages in posters, bulletin boards, etc.	4	
4.2. Integration in the lessons (based on the lesson plan of teachers)	6	
5. Seed banks	(5)	
5.1. Establishment of seedbanks	2	
5.2. Variety of seedlings	(3)	
5.2.a. below 5	1	
5.2.b. 6-10	2	
5.2.c. 11-15	3	
6. Nursery	(5)	
6.1. Presence of nursery	3	
6.2. Area with seed production	(2)	
6.2.a. below 10sqm	1	
6.2.b. more than 10sqm	2	
7. Garden Tools	(5)	
7.a. less than 7 kinds of garden tools	3	
7.b. more than 7 kinds of garden tools	5	





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8. Garden fence & signages/placards	(5)	
8.a. All areas with fence and signages	5	
9. Educational relevance	(10)	
9.1 Use of garden to enhance learning experience	(5)	
9.1.a. Students involvement	3	
9.1.b. Adoption of technology by students	2	
9.2 Use as laboratory to teach basic concepts	(5)	
9.2.a Number of visitors who visited the garden	2	
9.2.b Use of school garden by teachers for learning opportunities	3	
TOTAL POINTS	(100)	
Plus factors (1 point each) • Production of indigenous vegetables • Proof of transfer of technology in community • Proof of supplying seeds to other schools • Other good practices (Please identify and provide MOV)		
NAME AND SIGNATURE OF EVALUATOR		
Date:		

