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To: Schools Division Superintendent  
All Others Concerned

REGIONAL ACADEMIC AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (RASD) IN PREPARATION  
FOR 2027 NSPC, NFOT, AND NSTF

1. **Activity Overview.** The Department of Education (DepEd) Region XIII (Caraga), through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), will conduct the **Regional Academic and Skills Development (RASD)** in preparation for the 2027 national competitions such as NSPC, NFOT, and NSTF from **December 13 to 18, 2026** in the Schools Division of Agusan del Sur. The activity shall bring together learner-participants from the twelve (12) Schools Division Offices through the conduct of the Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC), Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT), and Regional Science and Technology Fair (RSTF). The activity shall carry the theme, **“Creativity, Innovation, Technology, and Expression (CITE): Empowering Disaster- and Future-Ready Learners.”**

2. **Objectives.** The activity aims to:

- a. provide learners with opportunities to demonstrate excellence in academics, journalism, science and technology, innovation, technical-vocational skills, culture, and the arts;
- b. develop learners' critical thinking, communication, collaboration, research, media and information literacy, and technological competencies;
- c. strengthen learners' resilience, adaptability, and preparedness for emerging challenges and opportunities;
- d. promote the application of knowledge, skills, research, and innovation in addressing real-life and community concerns;
- e. foster appreciation of culture, diversity, inclusivity, and responsible citizenship; and
- f. recognize outstanding performances and identify regional representatives for national-level competitions.

3. **Participant Allocation.** Participants in the activity shall include learner-contestants, coaches, school paper advisers, division focal persons, judges, Technical Working Group (TWG) members, and other authorized officials from the twelve (12) Schools Division Offices (SDOs) of the region. The approved participant allocation by SDO shall be as follows:



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| Schools Division Office | RFOT         | RSPC         | RSTF       | Total        |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Agusan del Norte        | 90           | 205          | 30         | 325          |
| Agusan del Sur          | 90           | 205          | 30         | 325          |
| Bayugan City            | 90           | 205          | 30         | 325          |
| Bislig City             | 90           | 205          | 30         | 325          |
| Butuan City             | 90           | 205          | 30         | 325          |
| Cabadbaran City         | 90           | 205          | 30         | 325          |
| Dinagat Islands         | 90           | 205          | 30         | 325          |
| Siargao Islands         | 90           | 205          | 30         | 325          |
| Surigao City            | 90           | 205          | 30         | 325          |
| Surigao del Norte       | 90           | 205          | 30         | 325          |
| Surigao del Sur         | 90           | 205          | 30         | 325          |
| Tandag City             | 90           | 205          | 30         | 325          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>1,080</b> | <b>2,460</b> | <b>360</b> | <b>3,900</b> |

4. **Participant Allocation and Substitution.** All SDOs shall strictly observe the approved participant allocation. Any request for substitution of officially endorsed participants shall be justified and submitted to the Regional Office for approval, subject to existing DepEd policies and guidelines.

5. **Pre-Activity Coordination.** A Solidarity Meeting and Technical Orientation shall be conducted on December 13, 2026, at the designated event venues to discuss contest guidelines, schedules, venue arrangements, safety measures, and other operational concerns with learner-participants and delegation officials.

6. **Schedule of Activities and Billeting Assignments.** The detailed schedule of activities, contest guidelines, venue assignments, billeting arrangements, accommodation details, and other event-specific implementation guidelines for the Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC), Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT), and Regional Science and Technology Fair (RSTF) shall be issued separately through appropriate Regional Memoranda by the designated regional focal persons in coordination with the host Schools Division Office and the respective Technical Working Groups.

7. **Health and Safety Measures.** The host Schools Division Office, in coordination with concerned agencies and local government units, shall ensure the implementation of appropriate health, safety, and security measures throughout the activity. Medical and emergency response teams shall be deployed in strategic locations, and all delegates shall observe applicable safety and disaster risk reduction protocols.
8. **Compensatory Time-Off and Service Credits.** Teaching and non-teaching personnel who render services beyond official working days and hours in connection with the conduct of the activity may be granted the corresponding Vacation Service Credits and/or Compensatory Time-Off (CTO), subject to existing DepEd and Civil Service Commission policies and guidelines.
9. **Funding Source.** Travel expenses, meals, accommodation, transportation, contest materials, and other incidental expenses relative to participation in the activity shall be charged against local funds, downloaded funds, Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), local government support, and other available funds, subject to existing accounting, auditing, budgeting, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations.
10. **Contact Information.** For further information, clarification, and other related concerns, contact **Mr. Bernabe L. Linog**, Chief Education Program Supervisor, Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), through the official CLMD email address at [clmd\\_caraga@deped.gov.ph](mailto:clmd_caraga@deped.gov.ph).
11. **Dissemination.** Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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