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Department of Education
Cordillera Administrative Region



25 September 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
ESSD - 2026.232

To: Assistant Regional Director
Schools Division Superintendents } SDO Baguio City, SDO Benguet
All Others Concerned

**REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE AS RESOURCE PERSON/WRITER/CHAPERONE
ON THE VALIDATION WORKSHOP OF THE PROPOSED POLICY GUIDELINES
ON STRENGTHENING SCOUTING IN BASIC EDUCATION**

1. Pursuant to the attached Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-01-03651, the Governance and Operations Strand will conduct the "Validation Workshop on the Revision and Proposed Policy Guidelines on Strengthening Scouting in Basic Education" on October 5–8, 2026 in Ormoc City, Leyte, details of which are stated within.

2. The following learner and school head are hereby informed and designated as participants of the activity:

Role	Name	Designation/ School/ SDO
Writer – Resource Person	Zheanne Avery D. Ramirez	NFSSLG Board Member Baguio City High School SDO Baguio City
Writer – Chaperone	Ema L. Bulasao	School Principal I Balukas Elementary School SDO Benguet

3. The designated participants must confirm their attendance and register online at bit.ly/ScoutingPolicyValidationRegistration on or before September 28, 2026. Further, the participating NFSSLG officer must submit their signed Parental Consent and Waiver Form (Annex D) and Learner Consent Form (Annex E) prior to the activity.

4. For more details, kindly contact the Education Support Services Division through email at car.essd@deped.gov.ph.

5. For dissemination, information, and strict compliance.

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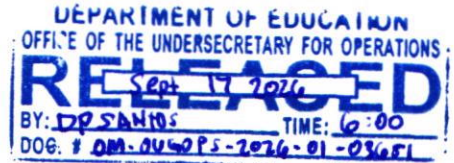


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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM

OM-UGOPS-2026-01-03651



TO : Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Concerned School Heads
All Others Concerned

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : INVITATION FOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FIELD
OFFICES TO SERVE AS RESOURCE PERSON/WRITERS ON THE
VALIDATION WORKSHOP OF THE PROPOSED POLICY
GUIDELINES ON STRENGTHENING SCOUTING IN BASIC
EDUCATION

DATE : September 17, 2026

In light of recent educational reforms and ongoing administrative policy updates by the Department of Education (DepEd), the Governance and Operations (GovOps) Strand deemed it necessary to update and review existing scouting policies, specifically DepEd Order No. 76, s. 2012 and DepEd Order No. 86, s. 2012. The proposed Policy Guidelines on Strengthening Scouting in Basic Education aim to establish a developmentally responsive scouting framework that strengthens leadership formation, citizenship, core values, and learner advancement systems while aligning with current educational reform priorities and operational realities.

As part of the policy development process, this Office will conduct a **Validation Workshop on the Revision and Harmonization of DepEd Orders No. 76 and No. 86, S. 2012 on October 5-8, 2026, in Ormoc City, Leyte**, which shall ensure the technical validation, operational feasibility, and alignment of the draft policy guidelines with the consolidated outputs from stakeholder consultations and existing DepEd policy frameworks.

In this regard, we would like to invite the identified participants listed in **Annex A** to serve as Resource Person/Writers during the four (4) day Validation Workshop. Their expertise and contributions, as representatives of their respective Regions and offices, will be vital to ensuring productive workshop sessions and the refinement of the draft policy.

The Resource Persons/Writers and Writer-Chaperones identified in **Annex A** have been predetermined, where applicable, based on their previous engagement in policy development workshops, validation activities, and other related initiatives conducted

by the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations (OUGOPS) and other offices under the Governance and Operations Strand.

For Regional Offices where the corresponding entry in Annex A is indicated as **“To be determined by the Regional Office,”** the Regional Director shall nominate qualified personnel in accordance with the applicable criteria provided below.

For Resource Persons/ Writers to be identified by the Regional Office, the nominee shall be selected based on the following criteria:

- has completed at least a **Basic Training Course (BTC) or is a Wood Badge holder;**
- has previous engagement in OUGOPS policy workshops, validation activities, or other Governance and Operations Strand policy-development activities, as reflected in **Annex B;**
- has relevant experience in policy writing, technical writing, and policy analysis, or preparation of technical documents; and
- has participated in the Stakeholders’ Convergence on Strengthening Scouting in Basic Education conducted on August 25, 2026

A personnel may be considered for nomination provided that he/she satisfies **at least two (2) of the foregoing criteria.** The Regional Office shall confirm the nomination and participation of the identified personnel through the prescribed Confirmation and Registration Form.

For Writer-Chaperones to be identified by the Regional Office, the nominee shall be selected based on the following criteria:

- has completed at least a **Basic Training Course (BTC) or is a Wood Badge holder;**
- be willing and available to stay for the entire duration of the activity, including official travel involving the learner- representative
- have relevant experience in policy or technical writing; and
- have previous engagement in OUGOPS policy workshops and activities or other policy-development activities of the Governance and Operations strand, as reflected in **Annex B.**

The designated Writer-Chaperone shall contribute to the technical and policy-writing requirements of the Workshop while ensuring the appropriate supervision, safety, and welfare of the assigned NFSSLG officer throughout of the official activity.

In the event that a pre-identified participant listed in Annex A is unable to attend, the concerned Regional Director may nominate an alternate, subject to the applicable qualification criteria for the position being replaced. The alternate shall be confirmed through the prescribed Confirmation and Registration Form before the activity. The predetermined and designated participants are requested to confirm their attendance by registering through this link: **bit.ly/ScoutingPolicyValidationRegistration** on or before **September 28, 2026.**

The National Federation of Supreme Secondary Learner Government (NFSSLG) officers identified in Annex A are likewise hereby invited to participate in the Validation Workshop. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026, the conduct of the Validation Workshop falls within the Instructional Block, therefore, learner-participants must have no academic deficiencies, and their participation must be authorized by their School Head, Schools Division Superintendent, and Regional Director. Accordingly, this Memorandum shall serve as the Travel Authority for the NFSSLG officers and the concerned field office personnel. Subject to the approval of the Head of Office in the Schools Division Office (SDO) or Regional Office, a separate Travel Authority may likewise be issued.

The representative from the same field office as the participating NFSSLG officer shall also serve as the designated chaperone for such NFSSLG officer throughout the duration of the activity, as authorized by the Regional Director, Schools Division Superintendent, concerned school head, or the appropriate Head of Office. The Parental Consent and Waiver Form is attached as **Annex D**, and the Learner Consent, Waiver, Indemnity, and Release Form is attached as **Annex E** for the NFSSLG officers.

The Program of Activities is also outlined in **Annex C** for reference. Traveling expenses relative to the attendance of Field Office participants, including the participation of the NFSSLG officers, shall be charged against **AC-26-Usec-OPS-GASS-034** downloaded to their respective Regional Offices. The details of the corresponding Sub-ARO may be secured from their respective Regional Offices. In case of insufficient downloaded funds, the excess shall be charged against their local funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations of the Department.

For more information, all concerned may contact the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations (OUGOPS) at telephone number (02) 8633-5313 or through email address ouops@deped.gov.ph.

ANNEX A

**List of Field Office Resource Persons and Writers for the Validation Workshop of
the Revision of DepEd Orders No. 76 and No. 86, Series of 2012 on the
Harmonization of the Implementation of Scouting Programs in Basic Education**

October 5 - October 8, 2026 | Region VIII

NO.	NAME	POSITION	OFFICE
Field Office Writers/Resource Persons			
<i>Directors/Third-level Officials</i>			
1	Roger Z. Rochar	Officer-In-Charge Assistant Schools Division Superintendent	NIR SDO - Victorias City
2	Herbert D. Perez	Assistant Schools Division Superintendent	Region IV-A SDO Tayabas
<i>National Secretariat and Technical Working Group</i>			
3	Gina Viduya	Education Program Specialist II	DepEd I Regional Office
<i>Writers/Resource Persons</i>			
4	Reich Angelo Reyes	NFSSLG Board Member	Region I SDO Pangasinan 1 (Pangasinan National High School)
5	Christian C. Echija	Project Development Officer I	Region II SDO - Santiago City
6	Krister Jay Gangan	Project Development Officer I	Region II SDO - Ilagan City
7	Faith Naomi R. Manganaan	NFSSLG President	Region III - SDO Tarlac Province (Moncada National High School)
8	Allen C. Candelasa	Project Development Officer I	Region III SDO Tarlac Province
9	Genesis Caimol	NFSSLG Public Information Officer	Region IV-A SDO Cavite City (Gov. Juanito Reyes Remulla Senior High School)
10	Jim Brian T. Almero	NFSSLG Board Member	Region IV-B SDO - Occidental Mindoro (Occidental Mindoro National High School)
11	Julienette A. Lorica	Project Development Officer, SGOD	Region IV-B SDO - Occidental Mindoro
12	Julius Uriel J. Bisnar	NFSSLG Auditor	Region V SDO Camarines Sur (Goa Science High School)
13	Maria Cristina G. Baroso	Project Development Officer IV, ESSD	Region V

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14	Leonerico E. Barredo	Chief Education Supervisor, ESSD	Region VI
15	Prince Gabriel L. Alvarez	NFSSLG Vice President	Region XI SDO - Davao del Norte (Sto. Tomas National High School)
16	Warlito E. Hua	Chief Education Supervisor	Region XI
17	Bernabe L. Linog	Chief Education Supervisor, CLMD	CARAGA
18	Zheanne Avery D. Ramirez	NFSSLG Board Member	CAR SDO - Baguio City (Baguio City High School)
19	Humphrey Miles D. Bayot	NFSSLG Treasurer	NIR SDO - Bacolod City (Sum-ag National High School)
20	Eko Xander F. Quizon	NFSSLG Secretary	NCR - SDO Pasig City (Kapitolyo High School)
21	<i>*To be determined by the Region in accordance with the criteria identified in the Memorandum</i>		Region XII
Writers-Chaperones			
22	<i>*To be determined by the Region in accordance with the criteria identified in the Memorandum</i>		Region I
23			Region VII
24			Region IX
25			Region X
26			CAR
27			NCR
DepEd Region 8 Local TWG			
28	Aleah Jade L. Cabrito	NFSSLG Protocol Officer	SDO Calbayog City (Calbayog City National High School)
29	<i>*To be determined by the Host Region</i>	Chaperone for Aleah	
30		RO/SDO LRP Focal	
31		to serve as Secretariat	
32		PAO personnel	

ANNEX A

33	<i>*others shall be determined/ designated by the Host Region</i>	
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<i>Local Scouting Organizations (Region VIII)</i>		
43	<i>*To be determined by the Host Region</i>	Boy Scouts of the Philippines
44		Boy Scouts of the Philippines
45		Boy Scouts of the Philippines
46		Girl Scouts of the Philippines
47		Girl Scouts of the Philippines
48		Girl Scouts of the Philippines

ANNEX B

List of Participants from 2026 Policy Activities of the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations (OUGOPS)

NAME	OFFICE
Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO)	
Domingo L. Laud	Region I - SDO San Carlos, Pangasinan
Krister Jay Gangan	Region II - SDO Iligan City
Christian C. Echija	Region II - SDO Santiago City
Jose Doria Jr.	Region II - SDO Ilagan City
Jay-Ar D. Catabona	Region III - SDO Nueva Ecija / Alejandro E. Judan NHS
Allen C. Candelasa	Region III - SDO Tarlac Province
Lorelie A. Jasul	Region IV-A - SDO Lucena City / LCNHS - Mayao Castillo Extension
Marife A. Paredes	Region IV-B - SDO Mindoro - Tanyag National High School
Francoise Marie C. Gubatan	Region IV-B - SDO Oriental Mindoro
Maria Cristina Baroso	Regional Office V
Roger Z. Rochar	Region VI - SDO Victorias City
Rhea T. Lizada	Region VI - SDO Bacolod - Bacolod City National High School
Johnnyline Jagdon	Regional Office VII
Eden Dadap	Regional Office VIII
Warlito Hua	Regional Office IX
Marilyn Palo	Regional Office IX
Augie Pearl Simangan	CAR - SDO Baguio City
Dr. Maria Corazon Dumlao	Region I - SDO Ilocos Norte
Mary Grace D. Salazar	Region IV-A - SDO Lucena City
Joseph Tito Ocampo	Region IV-A - SDO Cavite

Ma. Liya Cynthia B. Quejada	Regional Office NIR
Prim Rose Therese Santiago	NIR - SDO Dumaguete City
June Grace Cabrillos	Region VII - SDO Danao City
Chelo T. Tolcidas	Region VIII - SDO Northern Samar
Rosana A. Wooton	Region IX - SDO Zamboanga Sibugay
Bobby Glen Casanos	Region X - SDO Bukidnon
Rhoda Peral Herrera	Region X - SDO Iligan
Ramel Palapo	Region XII - SDO Cotabato
Vince Jhon B. Yanga	NCR - SDO Malabon City
DepEd Crisis Management Committee (DCMC)	
Ryan E. Bantiding	Regional Office I
Dr. Maria Corazon Dumlao	Region I - SDO Ilocos Norte
Emil E. Responso	Region II - SDO Santiago City
Virgil Reyes	Region II - SDO Isabela
Jay-Ar D. Catabona	Region III - SDO Nueva Ecija / Alejandro E. Judan NHS
Allen C. Candelasa	Region III - SDO Tarlac Province
Lorelie A. Jasul	Region IV-A - SDO Lucena City / LCNHS - Mayao Castillo Extension
Joseph Tito Ocampo	Region IV-A - SDO Cavite
Marife A. Paredes	Region IV-B - SDO Mindoro - Tanyag National High School
Julienette A. Lorica	Region IV-B - SDO Occidental Mindoro
Angelou V. Buban	Region V - SDO Sorsogon City
Joan L. Lagata	Regional Office V
Maria Cristina Baroso	Regional Office V
Maria Audrea L. Vivo	Region V - SDo Catanduanes
Leonerico E. Barredo	Regional Office VI

Benjie Z. Rochar	NIR - SDO Sagay City
Roger Z. Rochar	Region VI - SDO Victorias City
Marilyn B. Siao	Regional Office VIII
Hadja Sarah Lucman Handang	Region IX - SDO Pagadian City
Rasmila M. Cosain	Region X p SDO Lanao del Norte
Ross Chito G. Palo	Region XI - SDO Tagum City
Agney C. Taruc	Region XII - SDO Cotabato
Augie Pearl Simangan	CAR - SDO Baguio City
Maribel L. Liddan	NCR - SDO Pasig City
Earthquake Hazards and Ensuring Learning Continuity in the Department of Education	
John Paul R. Timbas	NCR - SDO Manila City
Vince Jhon B. Yanga	NCR - SDO Malabon City
Darren Jame Tan Baylosis	NCR - SDO Makati City
Arvin P. Repaso	Region IV-A - SDO Quezon
Maribel L. Liddan	NCR - SDO Pasig City
Governance and Operations Strand Operations Manual	
Marilyn B. Siao	Regional Office VIII
Domingo L. Laud	Region I - SDO San Carlos, Pangasinan
Myron Gil D. Talosig	Region X - SDO Gingoog City
Roger Z. Rochar	Region VI - SDO Victorias City
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Dr. Maria Corazon Dumlao	Region I - SDO Ilocos Norte
Gina Viduya	Regional Office I
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Krister Jay Gangan	Region II - SDO Iligan City
Josephine B. Beltran	Region III - SDO Tarlac

Allen C. Candelasa	Region III - SDO Tarlac
Annaliza Fernandez	Region IV-A - SDO Cavite City
Julienette A. Lorica	Region IV-B - SDO Occidental Mindoro
Francoise Marie C. Gubatan	Region IV-B - SDO Oriental Mindoro
Maria Cristina Baroso	Regional Office V
Leonerico E. Barredo	Regional Office VI
Ida F. Cabantan	Regional Office VII
Rosana A. Wooton	Region IX - SDO Zamboanga Sibugay
Warlito Hua	Regional Office IX
Bonifacio V. Amit Jr.	Regional Office XI
Magdaleno C. Duhilag Jr.	Regional Office XII
Bernabe L. Linog	Regional Office CARAGA
Mayclaire A. Jimenez	Regional Office CAR
Maribel L. Liddan	NCR - SDO Pasig City
Ma. Liya Cynthia B. Quejada	Regional Office NIR
Nemalyn M. Ulep	Region I - SDO Batac City
Arlene A. Niro	Regional Office I
Jeffrey F. Calugay	Region I - SDO Pangasinan I
Mark Gerry N. Oblanca	Region I - SDO Pangasinan I
Lourdes A. Floria	Region I - SDO La Union
Maria Teresa M. Bautista	Regional Office I
Oliver F. Gutierrez	Regional Office I
Mae Lavern Oriña-Sibayan	Regional Office I
Sarah Q. Casuga	Regional Office I
Dr. Marjorie G. Pudín	Regional Office I
Dennis S. Panida	Regional Office I
Benjie C. Miranda	Regional Office I

ANNEX C

**VALIDATION WORKSHOP ON THE REVISION AND HARMONIZATION OF DEPED ORDERS
NO. 76 AND NO. 86, S. 2012**

Program of Activities

Host Region: DepEd Region VIII

Venue: Ormoc City, Leyte

Day 1: October 05, 2026		
Time	Activity	Lead / In-Charge
9:00 AM - 12:00 NN	Arrival, Registration of Participants, and Distribution of Workshop Kits	Secretariat
12:00 NN - 01:00 PM	<i>First meal is lunch</i>	
01:00 PM - 01:15 PM	Opening Program Preliminaries	<i>To be managed by host region</i>
01:15 PM - 01:30 PM	Message of Support and Installation Ceremony	Boy Scout of the Philippines (BSP) Representative
01:30 PM - 01:45 PM	Message of Support and Investiture Ceremony	Girl Scout of the Philippines (GSP) Representative
01:45 PM - 01:55 PM	Welcome Message	Marilyn B. Siao <i>Asst. Regional Director DepEd Region VIII</i>
01:55 PM - 02:10 PM	Keynote Message	Salustiano T. Jimenez <i>Regional Director DepEd Region VIII</i>
02:10 PM - 02:20 PM	Oath-taking Ceremony of Participants	<i>to be led by RD Salustiano Jimenez</i>
02:20 PM - 03:30 PM	Input Session Scouting Policy - Salient Features - Key Findings, Gaps, and Limitations - Results of the Stakeholders Convergence and Regional Consultation Validation Process - Policy Review and Analysis - Parliamentary Procedure - Rules of Procedure	Danpaul H. Santos <i>Executive Assistant IV Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations</i>

03:30 PM - 04:00 PM	Plenary Session 1: • Officer Elections • Plenary Officers Oath-taking • First Reading	Secretariat
04:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Committee Session 1: • Organization (Committee Officer Election) • Committee Officer Oath-taking • Review of Provisions	Committee Officers
06:00 PM onwards	<i>Dinner</i>	
Day 2: <u>October 06, 2026</u>		
06:00 AM - 08:00 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>	
9:00 AM - 12:00 NN	Committee Session 2: • Continuation of Review of Provisions • Committee Second Reading	Committee Officers
12:00 NN - 01:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
01:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Committee Session 3: • Hearing/Cross-Cluster Resource Person Evaluation • Submission of Committee Minutes and Committee Reports	Committee Officers
03:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Committee Session 4: • Committee Third Reading/Amendments	Committee Officers
06:00 PM onwards	<i>Dinner</i>	
Day 3: <u>October 07, 2026</u>		
06:00 AM - 08:00 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>	
9:00 AM - 12:00 NN	Plenary Session 2: • Second Reading	Plenary Officers
12:00 NN - 01:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
01:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Plenary Session 3: • Third Reading	Plenary Officers
04:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Final Reading: • Voting and Adoption of the updated Draft GovOps Operations Manual	Plenary Officers Secretariat
06:00 PM onwards	<i>Dinner</i>	
Day 4: <u>October 08, 2026</u>		
06:00 AM - 08:00 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>	
9:00 AM - 09:45 AM	Closing Program • Preliminaries • Impressions	Secretariat

9:45 AM - 10:10 AM	Synthesis of the Validation Workshop	Danpaul H. Santos <i>Executive Assistant IV Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations</i>
10:10 AM - 10:20 AM	Commitment Signing	All participants
10:20 AM - 10:30 AM	Closing Message	Marilyn B. Siao <i>Asst. Regional Director DepEd Region VIII</i>
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Awarding of Certificates and Photo Opportunity	Secretariat
11:00 AM onwards	<i>Last meal is am snacks</i> Travel Time/Homebound	

ANNEX D

PARENTAL CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM

I, _____, as the parent or legal guardian of _____, hereby acknowledge that I have been informed of the details of the conduct of **Validation Workshop on the Revision and Harmonization of DepEd Orders No. 76 and No. 86, S. 2012** that will be held on **October 5-8, 2026** in **Ormoc City**.

I understand that the Department of Education (DepEd) shall implement the minimum public health standards set by the government to minimize the risk of the spread of any communicable disease, but it cannot guarantee that my child will not become infected.

I understand that my child's in-person attendance at the event will include associating with teachers, fellow learners and school personnel, and other persons inside and outside of the school that may put my child at risk of transmission of any communicable disease, notwithstanding the precautions undertaken by the implementing team.

Voluntary Participation

I acknowledge that my child's participation in this activity is completely voluntary. My child may decline to participate or withdraw from participation at any time for any reason. Declining or withdrawing participation will not result in any penalty or loss of benefits or reduction of any basic right to which my child is entitled. While there remains the risk of possible transmission of any communicable disease to my child/ren, and to the members of my household, I freely assume the said risk and I permit my child/ren to attend this activity.

Exclusion (Limitations/Ineligibility)

I am aware that symptoms of any communicable disease include, but are not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, the new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

I confirm that my child currently has none of those symptoms and is in good health. I will not allow my child to physically go to the event if my child or any member of my household develops any of the said symptoms or any other symptoms of illness that may or may not be related to any communicable disease. I will also inform the school/division and not allow my child to attend the event if my child or any of my household members test positive for any communicable disease. My child/ren and I, with my household members, will follow the required health and safety protocols and procedures adopted by the school and community.

Documentation

I confirm that I give full permission in any recording or picture taken of my child during the conduct of this event and to use some or all my child's images/ contribution/ performance in any publication (including electronic publications such as film or website) created by or for DepEd and to release this material to DepEd official platforms.

Confidentiality

I am aware that any information that will be given during the activity will be kept strictly confidential, and personal information will be treated in accordance with the Republic Act 10173, Data Privacy Act of 2012. I am assured that the information about my child will not be shared outside of the implementation team. My child's name will not be used when data from this activity is analyzed.

I hereby confirm that I agree and understand the commitment of my child as a participant. I also understand and will support my child's endeavor to meet the expectations, guidelines, and responsibilities to his/her fellow participants and to DepEd.

To the extent allowed by law and rules, I hereby agree to waive, release, and discharge any and all claims, causes of action, damages, and rights against the school/division and its personnel as well as officials and personnel of the Department of Education relative to the conduct of the activity.

With full understanding, I – on behalf of myself, my household members, and my child/ren – hereby freely and voluntarily give my consent to my child's participation in the activity from **October 5-8, 2026**. I also attest that I had sought the views of my child, and he/she has expressed a willingness to participate in the activity.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS

For any concerns or clarification, you may contact the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations through the email address ouops@deped.gov.ph.

_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian over Printed Name	_____ Contact Details (Mobile Number)
_____ Name of Child/ren	_____ Date

**Please submit this form to your child's school prior to participation in the activity.*

ANNEX E

LEARNER CONSENT, WAIVER, INDEMNITY and RELEASE

(To be completed by the Learner)

I, _____, agreed to participate with the consent of my parents and/or legal guardian in the conduct of **Validation Workshop on the Revision and Harmonization of DepEd Orders No. 76 and No. 86, S. 2012** that will be held on **October 5-8, 2026** in **Ormoc City**.

I agree to give permission to the **Department of Education (DepEd)** and its representatives to make recordings of my voice and to take photographs and/or videos in which I appear in at the event and location stated above, to be used for the communications and various public campaigns of the Department be it in print, broadcast and/or electronic media.

I have read and understood the accompanying letter and information leaflet. For things I do not understand, I will ask my Parent/Guardian to clarify the objective of the activity for me.

I know the purpose of the project/activity and the part I will be involved in. I know that DepEd and its representative are not allowed to use the information about me in any form that might harm my rights and well-being.

_____ Name of Learner	_____ Name of School
_____ Age	_____ Date



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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM

OM-OUOPS-2026-01-01473

FOR : **ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**
*Undersecretary and Chief of Staff,
Office of the Secretary*

DR. RAFAELITA M. ALDABA
Undersecretary, Office of the Secretary

PETER IRVING C. CORVERA

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FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE FOR THE CONDUCT OF POLICY
ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO THE REVISION OF DEPED ORDERS
NO. 76 AND NO. 86, S. 2012 ON THE HARMONIZATION OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF SCOUTING PROGRAMS IN BASIC
EDUCATION**

DATE :

I. BACKGROUND

The implementation of scouting programs in basic education is presently anchored on DepEd Order No. 76, s. 2012 and DepEd Order No. 86, s. 2012, which provides the operational guidelines for the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) and Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) programs in schools. These issuances established the foundational legal and operational framework for scouting engagements within the Department, including learner participation, organization of scouting units, conduct of scouting activities, and coordination with scouting organizations.

However, both policies were promulgated in 2012 and were developed within a policy environment that predates the Department's current reform agenda, including the implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar, protected instructional time policies, Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program, learner support systems, and strengthened governance and accountability mechanisms.

On June 20, 2025, the Operations Strand, through **OM-OUOPS-2025-01-3856**, transmitted consolidated comments on the draft policy guidelines on strengthening scouting programs to the Office of the Secretary. The memorandum consolidated the inputs of the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations, Office of

the Assistant Secretary for School Operations, and Office of the Assistant Secretary for School Support Services.

The review emphasized the need to align scouting implementation with the Department's Five-Point Reform Agenda, the Quality Basic Education Development Plan (Q-BEDP), literacy and learner support interventions, and school-based governance reforms. The consultations likewise highlighted the need to strengthen monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, school-level integration, and operational coordination across governance levels.

Subsequently, on February 10, 2026, a consultation meeting was convened between the Department and executives of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) through the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations. During the meeting, both parties agreed on the need to reposition scouting programs within the context of the Department's current reform agenda and strengthen the role of scouting as a service-oriented platform for learner development, literacy initiatives, values formation, and school-community engagement.

The discussions further proposed the creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of representatives from DepEd, BSP, and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) to facilitate the review and revision of DepEd Orders No. 76 and No. 86, s. 2012. However, subsequent coordination with BSP indicated that the activation of the proposed TWG could not be immediately undertaken due to existing manpower limitations within the organization.

In view thereof, the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations (OUGOPS) shall instead facilitate and lead the proposed policy development activities through the mobilization of existing Department officials and personnel who have prior involvement and institutional experience in scouting programs and related learner development initiatives. This approach is intended to ensure continuity of the policy review process while maximizing available institutional expertise and operational capacity within the Department.

Based on the consultations and policy review activities conducted by the Department, several operational and policy gaps requiring immediate harmonization and revision were identified.

Existing policies remain misaligned with current Department reforms and lack a clear framework aligning scouting programs across learner key stages and intended learning outcomes. There are likewise identified gaps in recruitment and membership registration mechanisms, teacher workload and service credit provisions, professional development recognition, program scheduling and delivery, and governance and monitoring systems necessary for effective implementation and accountability.

Current policies likewise do not sufficiently address how scouting-related duties align with updated teacher workload policies, service credit provisions, and professional development recognition systems. Similarly, governance mechanisms and monitoring structures remain limited, resulting in inconsistent implementation and participation across governance levels.

In view thereof, the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations (OUGOPS) proposes the conduct of a series of policy development and consultation

activities to support the revision and harmonization of DepEd Orders No. 76 and No. 86, s. 2012.

II. ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

The proposed policy activities aim to:

1. Review and harmonize existing scouting policies with current Department reforms, operational priorities, and learner support initiatives;
2. Establish an updated implementation framework for scouting programs aligned with learner development outcomes, literacy interventions, values formation, and school-community engagement;
3. Clarify policies on learner recruitment, membership registration, program scheduling and delivery, teacher workload, service credits, and professional development recognition;
4. Strengthen governance, monitoring, reporting, and accountability mechanisms across governance levels; and
5. Develop and validate the revised DepEd Order on the implementation of scouting programs in basic education.

III. ACTIVITY DETAILS

a. Proposed Policy Activities

Activity	Modality	Date	Venue
Initial Online Coordination Meetings and Policy Desk Review Activities	Online / Desk Work	June 1–August 11, 2026	OUGOPS and Concerned Offices
Stakeholders' Convergence on the Revision and Harmonization of DepEd Orders No. 76 and No. 86, s. 2012	Face-to-Face	August 12, 2026	TechZone Building, Makati City
Online Technical Meetings and Consolidation of Policy Inputs	Online / Desk Work	August 13–September 25, 2026	OUGOPS and Concerned Offices
Validation Activity for the Draft Revised DepEd Order	Face-to-Face	September 28–October 1, 2026	Region VIII
Final Online Review and Refinement of Draft Policy	Online / Desk Work	October 2–16, 2026	OUGOPS and Concerned Offices
Presentation of the Revised Draft Policy to the Executive Committee (EXECOM)	Face-to-Face / Hybrid	October 2026	DepEd Central Office

a. Policy Activity Design

The proposed activities are designed to maximize the use of online coordination mechanisms, desk review activities, and remote technical consultations **in support of existing government energy conservation and cost-efficiency policies while ensuring continuity in the policy development process.**

Initial online meetings and desk work activities shall be conducted to consolidate policy inputs, facilitate inter-office coordination, review existing issuances, and prepare draft policy provisions prior to the conduct of face-to-face validation activities.

The Stakeholders' Convergence and Validation Activity shall serve as the primary in-person consultation and technical validation mechanisms necessary for policy deliberation, operational assessment, consensus-building, and consolidation of recommendations from field implementers and stakeholders.

The conduct of limited face-to-face activities is deemed necessary considering the technical nature of policy validation, the need for focused deliberations among concerned offices and stakeholders, and the requirement to harmonize operational, legal, and implementation concerns across governance levels.

Following the face-to-face activities, succeeding online technical meetings and desk review sessions shall be conducted to finalize revisions, integrate validated inputs, and prepare the revised draft policy for presentation to the Executive Committee (EXECOM).

b. Expected Output

The activities are expected to produce a validated and harmonized draft policy framework on the implementation of scouting programs in basic education, incorporating stakeholder inputs and aligned with current Department reforms, learner support priorities, and governance mechanisms.

c. Fund Source and Mechanism

The funds for these activities shall be sourced from **AC-26-Usec-OPS-GASS-031** and **AC-26-Usec-OPS-GASS-034** or the available funds allotted for OUGOPS, subject to existing rules and regulations set by the Department of Education. This will include travel expenses, board and lodging, supplies, meals, and other related expenses.

Consistent with existing government energy conservation and operational efficiency policies, the proposed activities maximize the use of online meetings, desk review sessions, and remote coordination mechanisms to minimize operational costs while ensuring continuity of the policy development process.

For the conduct of the Stakeholders' Convergence on August 12, 2026, direct payment to **cover meals and necessary activity-related expenses** for approximately fifty (80) participants for a one-day activity.

Meanwhile, funds for the conduct of the Validation Activity and Writeshop to be held in Region VIII from September 28 to October 1, 2026, for approximately seventy-five (75) participants, **shall be downloaded to the Regional Office VIII**, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and liquidation procedures. The downloaded funds shall support the conduct of the four-day face-to-face policy validation activity, including authorized activity-related operational expenses, in a manner consistent with applicable government rules and regulations.

a. Target Participants

The target participants for the proposed activities shall include representatives from concerned Central Office bureaus and services, Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices, BSP and GSP representatives from National Office and local councils, private education associations, scouting coordinators, and existing Department officials and personnel with prior involvement in scouting programs and learner development initiatives.

b. Justification for the Conduct of the 4-Day Face-to-Face Validation Activity

The conduct of the four-day face-to-face Validation Activity and Writeshop in Region VIII is deemed necessary due to the highly technical, consultative, and operational nature of the proposed policy revision process.

The activity involves the comprehensive review, harmonization, validation, and refinement of policy provisions affecting multiple governance and operational areas, including:

- learner development and key stage alignment;
- implementation of scouting programs across BSP and GSP progression systems;
- integration of learning outcomes and merit badge systems;
- alignment with the Three-Term School Calendar under DO 009, s. 2026;
- implementation of service credit and workload policies under DO 013, s. 2024;
- governance and monitoring mechanisms;
- adult leadership and capability-building programs; and
- alignment with the Department's Five-Point Reform Agenda and the Quality Basic Education Development Plan (QBEDP).

The proposed Validation Activity likewise requires focused technical deliberations, collaborative policy writing sessions, operational harmonization, and consensus-building among field implementers, scouting practitioners, learner representatives, policy writers, and Department officials from various governance levels.

The four-day activity duration is necessary to accommodate:

1. policy presentation and technical review sessions;
2. breakout discussions and thematic policy workshops;
3. consolidation and refinement of policy provisions;
4. validation of operational guidelines and implementation mechanisms;

5. review of governance and accountability structures;
6. alignment of policy provisions with current Department reforms and legal issuances; and
7. drafting and finalization of the validated policy framework.

Moreover, the face-to-face modality is necessary to facilitate collaborative policy writing, immediate technical consultations, real-time resolution of operational concerns, and structured consensus-building among participants with institutional expertise and field implementation experience in scouting programs.

The conduct of the Validation Activity in Region VIII further supports broader participation from field implementers and scouting practitioners while ensuring that the revised policy framework reflects actual implementation realities across governance levels.

While the Department continues to prioritize online coordination and energy-efficient operational practices, the proposed face-to-face validation activity remains necessary to ensure the development of a technically sound, operationally feasible, learner-centered, and institutionally responsive policy framework for scouting implementation in basic education.

IV. STATEMENT OF REQUEST

In view of the foregoing, this Office respectfully requests clearance for the conduct of the proposed policy activities relative to the revision and harmonization of DepEd Orders No. 76 and No. 86, s. 2012 on the implementation of scouting programs in basic education.

This Office further respectfully requests approval for the funding support requirements necessary for the conduct of the aforementioned policy activities, specifically:

1. Approval of meal expenses for the one-day Stakeholders' Convergence to be conducted on **August 12, 2026** at the TechZone Building, Makati City for approximately eighty **(80) participants** in the amount of **Sixty-Four Thousand Pesos (Php 64,000.00)**; and
2. Approval for the downloading of funds to Regional Office VIII in the amount of **One Million One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Six Hundred Pesos (Php 1,145,600.00)** for the conduct of the four-day Validation Activity and Writeshop from **September 28 to October 1, 2026** covering board and lodging and authorized activity-related operational expenses for approximately seventy-five **(75) participants**, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and liquidation rules and regulations.

The proposed Validation Activity and Writeshop is necessary to facilitate comprehensive policy review, technical validation, collaborative drafting sessions, operational harmonization, and consensus-building among field implementers, policy writers, scouting practitioners, and Department personnel involved in scouting implementation across governance levels.

Attached herewith are the **Concept Note, Policy Agenda Paper, and budget estimates** for reference and appropriate consideration.

Should you find this recommendation favorable, we humbly request that you indicate your approval on the space provided below and affix your signature on the space above your name on the first page of this memorandum.

For questions and/or concerns, your staff may contact the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations through email at ouops@deped.gov.ph