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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS

CO-EPS No. 07-818, s. 2026

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

ATTENTION : **ALL REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOCAL PERSONS**

FROM : **JAN KEVIN M. RIVERA**
Director IV
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Assistant Secretary
Public Affairs and External Partnerships

SUBJECT : **ADVISORY ON THE CONDUCT OF THE 2026 ASP CARAVAN**

DATE : July 16, 2026

Pursuant to Memorandum No. OASPAEP 087, s. 2026 titled "*Participation in the Adopt-A-School Program (ASP) Caravan*", all concerned are hereby informed of the following updates regarding the schedule, participant composition, and number of participants for the 2026 ASP Caravan.

The revised schedule of the 2026 ASP Caravan, together with the updated regional clustering, is as follows:

Cluster	Updated Regional Participants	New Schedule	Venue
Visayas Cluster	Regions VI, VII, VIII & NIR	July 30, 2026	Bacolod City
Mindanao Cluster	Regions IX, X, XI, XII, CARAGA	August 11, 2026	Davao City
Luzon Cluster	Regions, I, II, III, IVA, IVB, V, CAR & NCR	August 25, 2026	Sorsogon City

To align with the Caravan's primary objective of engaging and attracting more partners under the Adopt-A-School Program (ASP), participation from field offices shall be limited to the following:

- Education Support Services Division (ESSD) Chief;
- Regional Partnership Focal Person; and
- Ten (10) local partners with two (2) representatives from each region.

This adjustment is intended to maximize opportunities for partner engagement, networking, and partnership development during the Caravan.

Furthermore, please be advised that the **Partnership Orientation** will no longer form part of the Caravan program. A separate orientation activity for Division Partnership Focal Persons and other partnership personnel will be scheduled at a later date. Details regarding the schedule and other arrangements shall be communicated through a separate advisory.

All concerned offices are requested to take note of these updates and make the necessary attendance arrangements accordingly.

Should you require additional information or clarification, your office may contact the External Partnerships Service through email at external.partnerships@deped.gov.ph or by telephone at (02) 8637-6463.

Thank you.



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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS

CO-OASPAEP No. 097, s. 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

ATTENTION : **ALL REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOCAL PERSONS**
ALL DIVISION PARTNERSHIP FOCAL PERSONS

FROM : 
CILETTE LIBORO CO
Assistant Secretary
Public Affairs and External Partnerships

SUBJECT : **PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM (ASP) CARAVAN**

DATE : June 18, 2026

Recognizing the vital role of partnerships in addressing the evolving needs of the education sector, the Department of Education (DepEd) continues to strengthen collaboration with government agencies, private organizations, civil society groups, and other stakeholders to support the delivery of quality, accessible, relevant, and inclusive basic education. This direction is consistent with the recommendations of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) Year II Report under Priority Area 26, which highlights the need to increase investments in education. Through these collaborative efforts, DepEd aims to mobilize additional resources, expertise, and support mechanisms that will contribute to improving learning environments and expanding opportunities for learners nationwide.

As part of this effort, the External Partnerships Service (EPS) – Adopt-A-School Secretariat has conceptualized the **2026 Adopt-A-School Caravan** as a marketing and advocacy activity aimed at expanding partnership opportunities at the local level. The caravan will serve as a platform for promoting investments in education through the Adopt-A-School Program (ASP) and encouraging greater stakeholder participation in supporting schools.

The caravan will feature the enhanced ASP Menu of Investments, the ASP Platform, and the proposed amendments to Republic Act No. 8525. Moreover, the activity will provide opportunities for stakeholders and beneficiary schools to establish new partnerships, promoting mutually beneficial relationships that contribute to improved educational outcomes.

To ensure wider reach and increased participation in the ASP, DepEd, in collaboration with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), and the Education

Center for Artificial Intelligence Research (ECAIR), will organize the event in the following cluster venues:

DATE	PARTICIPANTS	VENUE OF ASP CARAVAN
July 30, 2026	Cluster I: Regions VI, NIR, VII, VIII, and NCR	SMX Convention Center, Bacolod City
August 13, 2026	Cluster II: Regions IX, X, XI, XII, CARAGA, and CAR	Davao City
August 27, 2026	Cluster III: Regions I, II, III, IVA, IVB, and V	Sorsogon City

To maximize the participation of field offices and strengthen the promotion of the Adopt-A-School Program at the regional and division levels, the following personnel are requested to attend the 2026 Adopt-A-School Caravan:

POSITION	NO. OF PAX PER REGION
Education Support Service Division Chief	1
Regional Partnership Focal Person	1
Technical Assistant I	1
Division Partnership Focal Person	2 per Schools Division Office (SDO)

Regional Offices are also encouraged to invite at least five (5) partners to join the event.

The **accommodation, transportation, and other incidental expenses of participants** shall be charged against the Program Support Funds – Building Partnerships and Linkages Program (PSF-BPLP) and/or local funds of the concerned offices, subject to the availability of funds and compliance with existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Attached is the Indicative Program and breakdown of participants for your reference.

For further information and coordination, please contact the External Partnerships Service at external.partnerships@deped.gov.ph, copy furnish zeny.lastimoza@deped.gov.ph, or through telephone numbers (02) 8637-6462 / 6463.

Immediate dissemination of this memorandum to all concerned is requested.

Adopt-A-School Caravan 2026 – Visayas Cluster

Date and Time: July 30, 2026 / 8:30 am-4:05 pm

Venue: SMX Convention Center, Bacolod City

UPDATED INDICATIVE PROGRAM (As of July 13, 2026)

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON IN-CHARGE
Part I – ASP CARAVAN		
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Arrival and Registration	ALL PARTICIPANTS
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Exhibit/Gallery Walk: Showcase of various DepEd, CHED, and TESDA Programs	ALL PARTICIPANTS
8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Prayer National Anthem Bagong Pilipinas Hymn Division Hymn	AVP
8:45 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	Welcome Message	RAMIR B. UYTICO <i>Regional Director</i> DepEd NIR
8:50 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.	Partnership Message	HON. JOSE FRANCISCO “KIKO” B. BENITEZ <i>Director General</i> Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
8:55 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.	Keynote Message: Advancing Education Reform through Strategic Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement	SONNY ANGARA <i>Secretary</i> Department of Education
9:05 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	Launching of ASP Platform	ECAIR, DEPED, TESDA, and CHED
9:10 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.	Partners’ Participation on DepEd’s 5-Point Reform Agenda through ASP (R.A. 8525)	ATTY.FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN <i>Undersecretary and Chief of Staff</i> Department of Education
9:25 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	DepEd ASP Menu of Investment TESDA ASP Menu of Investment CHED ASP Menu of Investment	CILETTE LIBORO CO <i>Assistant Secretary</i> Public Affairs and External Partnerships Department of Education NOEL J. CUEVAS <i>Chief TESD Specialist, LDD- NITESD, TESDA</i> REPRESENTATIVE FROM CHED

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON IN-CHARGE
9:50 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Health Break Signing of Pledges of Commitment	ALL PARTICIPANTS
10:20 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Salient Points on Tax Incentives Availment under BIR Revenue Regulations (RR) No. 13-2025 Guidelines on the Application of Tax Incentives in the Department of Education	REPRESENTATIVE FROM BIR ATTY. DEBBIE JEAN DIJAMCO <i>Undersecretary</i> Office of the Secretary
10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	Partnership Priority Programs • Work Immersion • Classroom and Learning Spaces • Guidelines for Accreditation of NGOs and CSOs • Safe Schools	MARICEL CARIÑO <i>Senior Education Program Specialist</i> Bureau of Curriculum Development ENGR. MICHAEL OLIVER M. DE GUZMAN <i>Director III</i> Education Facilities Division ATTY. ROWENA CANDICE RUIZ <i>Undersecretary</i> Procurement and Finance Oversight Office of the Secretary REPRESENTATIVE FROM OPS
11:50 a.m. - 12:00 n.n.	Ways Forward Closing Remarks	HERO SILVA HERNANDEZ <i>Director IV</i> Office of the Secretary External Partnerships Service Department of Education DENNIS G. DEVELOLOS <i>Office-in-Charge</i> Schools Division Superintendent Schools Division Office of Bacolod City

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON IN-CHARGE
12:00 n.n. - 1:00 p.m	Lunch	ALL PARTICIPANTS
Part II- PARTNERSHIP ORIENTATION		
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Partnership Updates	DepEd Regional/Division Partnership Focal Person Regions VI, NIR, VII, and VIII
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Partnership Orientation	ROLLY SORIANO <i>Project Development Officer IV</i> External Partnerships Service Department of Education
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Open Forum	ALL PARTICIPANTS
4:00 p.m. - 4:05 p.m.	Synthesis and Ways Forward	DAVEDINAH P. COMETA <i>Project Development Officer III</i> External Partnerships Service Department of Education
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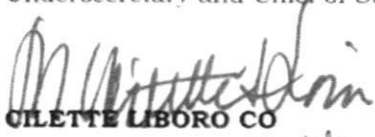


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FOR : **ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

PETER IRVING C. CORVERA

FROM : 
OILETTE LIBORO CO
Assistant Secretary *Plando*
Public Affairs and External Partnerships

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL ON THE CONDUCT OF THE 2026
ADOPT-A-SCHOOL (ASP) CARAVAN**

DATE : May 14, 2026

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In response to the recommendations of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2) Year II Report under Priority Area 26: Efficiency and Equity in Financing, Resource Mobilization, and Delivery of Education, "*to increase investments in education*", *particularly in addressing urgent gaps in early childhood and primary education*", the Department of Education (DepEd) endeavors to create more partnership opportunities by initiating programs that allows stakeholders in various sector to actively participate.

Thus, the 2026 Adopt-A-School Program (ASP) Caravan was conceptualized by the External Partnerships Service (EPS) as a marketing and advocacy event to increase potential partnerships for education at the local level. The event serves as an avenue that encourages potential partners to invest in education through the ASP packages of support.

The caravan will showcase the enhanced ASP Menu of Investments, the ASP Platform and the proposed Amendment on Republic Act (R.A) 8525. Further, the caravan activity opens the door of opportunity for both stakeholders and beneficiary schools to forge new partnerships that will result in a win-win relationship for both parties.

DepEd, in collaboration with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Agency (TESDA), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and Education Center for Artificial Intelligence Research (ECAIR) will organize the event to ensure wider reach and increase participation in the ASP.



STATEMENT OF REQUEST AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

In this regard, **the EPS respectfully request Your Honor's approval on the conduct of the 2026 ASP Caravan on July to August 2026.** Below is the proposed dates/venue for the said event:

Date	Venue	Number of Participants
July 30, 2026	Bacolod City	250 pax
August 13, 2026	Davao City	250 pax
August 27, 2026	Sorsogon City	250 pax

The EPS ASP Team will facilitate the conduct of the said event in coordination with the host region/division and concerned partners.

Attached for Your Honor's reference and approval is the Activity Request and Provisional Agenda for the 2026 ASP Caravan.

For further information and coordination, your staff may contact the External Partnerships Service at externalpartnerships@deped.gov.ph and copy furnish davedinah.cometa@deped.gov.ph or through phone at (02) 8637 6462/3.

Thank you very much.