



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**  
No. 1191 s. 2024

**CONVERGENCE OF SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION (SNED)  
PROGRAM IMPLEMENTERS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. In view of the need to conduct periodic monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the SNED Program following the mandate of RA 11650 (Instituting a Policy of Inclusion and Services for Learners with Disabilities in Support of Inclusive Education Act) and DepEd Order No. 44, s. 2021 (Policy Guidelines in the Provision of Educational Programs & Services for LWDs in the K to 12 Basic Education Program, this Office, through the lead of the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) and the support of the Division Eastern Samar, shall conduct the Regional Convergence of SNED Program Implementers on October 15-18, 2024 in Can Avid, Eastern Samar.

2. The activity aims to:

- a. conduct a monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the SNED program in the different divisions;
- b. gather and consolidate reports on the utilization of the 2023 SNED Fund;
- c. discuss ways to enhance the existing regional data gathering tool to ensure data accuracy and tracking; and
- d. address issues and concerns about the implementation of the program.

3. The participants in this activity are SNED program implementers from the Regional Office, Schools Division Offices, and implementing schools. The identification and number of participants shall be based on the table below:

<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>NO. OF PARTI-CIPANTS</b>	<b>OFFICE/SCHOOL</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>
Division SNED Supervisors	13	Schools Division Office	13 SDOs
School Heads of Recognized SPED Centers	16	Baybay I Central School	Baybay City
		Caibiran Central School	Biliran
		Naval Central School	
		Eugenio S. Daza Pilot Elementary School	Borongan City

		Calbayog City East Elementary School SPED Center	Calbayog City
		Catbalogan I SPED Center	Catbalogan City
		Oras East District SPED Center	Eastern Samar
		Dulag SPED Center	Leyte
		Palo I Central School	
		Maasin City SPED Center	Maasin City
		Catarman SPED Center	Northern Samar
		Ormoc City SPED Integrated School	Ormoc City
		Macrohon District with SPED Center	Southern Leyte
		San Juan Elementary School with SPED Center	
		Sogod Central School with SPED Center	
		Sto Niño SPED Center	Tacloban City
School Heads of High Schools with a large number of LWDs	1	Eastern Samar National Comprehensive School	Borongan City
	1	Catarman National High School	Northern Samar
	1	Tizon National High School	Samar
	1	Marasbaras National High School	Tacloban City
Resource Persons	4	CLMD and ESSD - DepEd Region VIII	
RO PMT	3	CLMD - DepEd Region VIII	
SDO PMT	10	SDO of Eastern Samar	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>		

4. The first meal to be served during the activity shall be afternoon snacks on October 15, 2024 while the last meal shall be lunch on October 18, 2024.

5. The Division SNED Coordinators are expected to bring a laptop and present data on the following:

- a. latest validated enrollment data on learners with disabilities (LWDs) including the precise number of learners classified under specific disabilities or difficulties;
- b. latest validated number of schools with enrolled LWDs
- c. report on the utilization of the downloaded 2023 SNED PSF
- d. number of needed SPED items and name of qualified teachers; and
- e. name of school which can be converted into an Inclusive Learning Resource Center (ILRC).

6. The cost of meals, board and lodging, and supplies/materials shall be charged against the program support funds which was downloaded to the Division of Eastern Samar while travel expenses of the participants including transportation of training equipment shall be charged to the remainder of the Regional Office 2023 SPED PSF under SARO No. OSEC-8-23-1697 which will also be downloaded to the respective divisions of the participants as applicable, subject to the existing accounting and

auditing rules and regulations. In case the downloaded funds are insufficient to cover all travel expenses, the participants' local funds may also be utilized for this purpose.

7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
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Enclosures: Activity Matrix

References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

FUND UTILIZATION  
MONITORING AND EVALUATION  
SPECIAL EDUCATION

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