



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY



MEMORANDUM

TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

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

SUBJECT : **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE VIEWING OF THE FILM THE
SONG OF THE FIREFLIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
SCHOOLS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES**

DATE : **July 24, 2025**

The Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the transformative power of music and the resilience of Filipino youth.

Inspired by true events, the film **The Song of the Fireflies** tells the story of the Loboc Children's Choir, an ensemble of children from a remote and idyllic town in Bohol who, guided by a devoted teacher-trainer, discover their potential through music. The Film portrays how young people can overcome adversity through passion, talent, and community support.

With its rich educational themes, the film offers meaningful opportunities to enhance classroom discussions in values education, music, and Filipino culture.

In this regard, DepEd finds it appropriate to allow learners of suitable age and maturity to view the film under the discretion and guidance of school heads and teachers. Such viewings shall be conducted in accordance with existing DepEd policies, including but not limited to the **No Collection Policy**.¹

For your guidance and appropriate action.

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¹ DepEd Order No. 19, s. 2008, Implementation of No Collection Policy in All Public Elementary and Secondary Schools