

Advisory No. 076, s. 2023

July 21, 2023

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In view of the disseminated DepEd Memorandum (DM) No. 033, s. 2023, dated 31 May 2023, titled **Learners' Convergence PH 2023**, with the theme, *SaMakabata: Sentro ng Karunungan, Huwaran ng Kagalingan*, from **July 29 to August 3, 2023**, in Marikina City, Metro Manila, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations (OASOPS), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services – Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD), transitioning to Learner Formation Division, issues the following advisory to provide the following information on administrative matters relative to the conduct of the activity.

Kindly take note of the following schedule and administrative details prior to and during the activity:

1. Check-in date of participants to their designated billeting schools shall be on **Saturday, 29 July 2023** and the first meal to be served is **lunch**; while the check-out of participants shall be on **Thursday, 03 August 2023 until 12:00 noon**, with **breakfast** as the last meal. Any arrangements not covered as indicated shall be charged to the participant's account. Below are the billeting schools for your reference:

Regions	Billeting School	Address
Region I, VI, and CARAGA	St. Scholastica's Academy of Marikina City	2 West Drive, Marikina Heights, Marikina City
Region III, VIII, and X	Our Lady of Perpetual Succor College	Gen. Ordoñez Ave, Marikina City
Region V, VII, and NCR	Infant Jesus Academy	Russet St. Rancho Estate IV Marikina City
Region II and XI	Ingenium School	Cream St., Concepcion Dos, SSS Village, Marikina City
MIMAROPA, IX, XII, BARMM, and CAR	Marist School	83 Champagnat Ave, Marikina City
Region IV-A	Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Marikina	Rainbow St. cor. Russet St., SSS Village, Concepcion Dos, Marikina City

2. Participants traveling by air or by sea may be picked up at the airport terminal upon arrival by their coordinated transportation providers. With the assistance of the Transportation Management Committee, travel arrangements with the service providers endorsed by the Schools Division Office (SDO) of Marikina City

shall be made by the participating SDOs before coming to the venue. Meanwhile, participants traveling by land shall proceed directly to their assigned billeting schools and will be accommodated by the Welcoming Committee. Travel expenses shall be charged accordingly with the provisions in compliance with DM 033 S. 2023 subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

3. In compliance with the existing health and safety protocols, all participants are required to bring their COVID-19 vaccination cards, parental consent and waiver form, and valid identification cards and/or school IDs during the entire activity.
4. Considering the issuance of Executive Order No. 7, s. 2022 titled, *Allowing Voluntary Wearing of Face Masks in Indoor and Outdoor Settings, Reiterating the Continued Implementing of Minimum Public Health Standards during the State of Public Health Emergency relative to COVID-19 Pandemic*, we highly encourage everyone to wear face masks during the whole duration of the activity except when eating or drinking.
5. Participants exhibiting any flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches and chills, headaches, or fatigue are strongly discouraged to join the event. In the same manner, participants who have already checked-in but are exhibiting symptoms listed above while the activities are ongoing will not be allowed to be with other participants and will be subject to necessary medical assistance.
6. Only the official participants of the LearnCon PH 2023 are required to join the Learners' Convergence PH Official Facebook Group through this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/learnconph/> or through the QR (Quick Response) code provided below. For verification purposes, please kindly answer all the membership questions with all honesty. This will serve as the official communication platform for any forms of announcements or advisories related to the Convergence.



7. The recommended attires per day are as follows:

Date	Attire
29 July 2023 (Day 0): Arrival of Participants, Registration, and Welcome Night for the New Breeds of Education Champions	casual attire/organization or school club organization uniform
30 July 2023 (Day 1): Opening Ceremonies	Smart/Business Casual Attire
31 July 2023 (Day 2): Thematic Learning Sessions and Attendance at Palarong Pambansa 2023 Opening Ceremonies	Smart casual (AM) / LGU-sponsored shirt (PM) (to be distributed upon registration)
01 August 2023 (Day 3): Simultaneous	For BLSS-LFD Session (DFSSLG Outgoing and

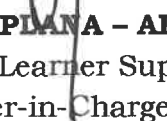

Sessions and Presentation of Outputs	<p>Incoming Presidents &gt; business casual attire</p> <p>For BLSS-SHD Session (Health learner representatives) &gt; smart/business casual attire</p> <p>For BLSS-SSD Session (Sports learner representatives) &gt; comfortable clothes preferably T-shirts and jogging pants, rubber shoes (no shorts, sandos, and mini/micro-mini skirts)</p> <p>For DRRMS Session (DRRM learner representatives) &gt; comfortable clothes preferably polo-shirt, pants, and rubber shoes (no shorts, sandos, and mini/micro-mini skirts)</p> <p>For LRPO Session (CPC member or LRP representatives) &gt; smart/business casual attire</p> <p>For chaperones &gt; any appropriate and comfortable casual attire (preferably decent tee or polo shirt (top), pants (jeans), and rubber shoes)</p>
02 August 2023 (Day 4): LGU-Organized Event, Convergence Night, and Closing Ceremonies	<p>For LGU-Organized Event &gt; learner participants: plain blue shirt &gt; chaperones: plain green shirt (LearnCon PH official shirt will be distributed upon registration)</p> <p>For the Convergence Night and Closing Ceremonies &gt; regional/cultural attire</p>
03 August 2023 (Day 5): Departure of Participants	Casual attire

8. All participants shall follow all house rules and regulations prescribed by the LearnConPH Secretariat and their respective billeting schools. During the attendance at the Palarong Pambansa (PP) 2023 Opening Ceremonies on July 31, participants are advised to strictly adhere to the protocols set by the PP Secretariat. This is to ensure that every participant is compliant, safe, secured, and far from any form of danger during the actual program. A separate advisory on PP participation will be shared immediately once formalized.
9. On August 01, 2023 (Simultaneous Sessions), participants will be divided into five (5) groups based on their representation to attend the following simultaneous sessions. The two (2) chaperones shall be designated to venues outside Marikina Convention Center (MCC) to assist their participants namely Ingenium School Quadrangle (for School Sports Division session) and Infant Jesus Academy (for DRRMS session).
  - BLSS-YFD Session (outgoing and incoming DFSSLG Presidents)

- BLSS-SHD Session (health organization learner representatives)
  - BLSS-SSD Session (sports organization learner representatives)
  - DRRMS Session (DRRM organization learner representatives)
  - LRPO Session (CPC member or LRP organization learner representatives)
10. On August 2, each region has 5 minutes (1-minute entry, 3 minutes real performance, 1-minute exit) to showcase any form of performance (dance and/or song numbers, acting, etc.) during the Convergence Night and Closing Ceremonies. Also, each region is highly encouraged to bring their corresponding **regional banner** for the entry of colors.
  11. Each participant will be provided with sleeping materials including a mattress, pillow, and blanket sponsored by the LGU (Local Government Unit) Marikina. Materials will be set up beforehand in each billeting school. Participants may or may not bring additional sleeping materials.
  12. In support of Marikina City's initiatives to purchase products and services that cause minimal adverse environmental impacts, all participants are encouraged to bring their own tumblers and eating utensils (particularly metal or bamboo spoons and forks) to lessen plastic waste.
  13. In addition, everyone is also encouraged to bring the following items to be used all throughout the Convergence:
    - Laptop/tablet/mobile devices and extension cords for workshops and personal use
    - 1 metal or plastic whistle (*pito*) for emergency purposes
    - 1 raincoat in case of inclement weather
    - 1 triangular flaglet for the organized tour (blue for participants, green for chaperones)
    - personal hygiene items and toiletries including, but not limited to, hair care products (shampoo and conditioner), bath soap and towel, comb, etc.
    - prescribed medications if there are any
  14. Participants shall observe cleanliness and orderliness at all times. All are expected to adopt the "clean as you go (CLAYGO) policy" especially when eating at the plenary venue and their respective mess halls, and the use of portalets and shower rooms in the billeting schools.
  15. Participants will be provided with shuttle services to/from the billeting schools to the Marikina Convention Center and Marikina Sports Complex to attend Convergence's events.
  16. Participants must be at their billeting schools before the set time for lights off. Should there be a need to go outside the billeting schools, they must always be accompanied by their chaperones. Other specific guidelines with respect to the billeting shall be presented during the Orientation on July 29.

17. As stipulated in DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017 titled, *“Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities”*, all participants are required to have their own travel insurance covering inclusive dates of travel from the point of departure to Marikina City, and back, either group or individual, before proceeding to the LearnCon PH 2023.
18. All participants are hereby advised to attend the **General Orientation with the Official Participants (Chaperones) of Learners’ Convergence PH 2023** on **24 July 2023**, at **10:00 a.m.** via **MS Teams**. You may click the link to join the meeting, [https://bit.ly/LearnConPH2023\\_General-Orientation](https://bit.ly/LearnConPH2023_General-Orientation). Please enter the meeting room fifteen (15) minutes before the actual orientation.
19. Please see **Annex A** for the Indicative Program for your information.

For concerns and clarifications, kindly contact Mr. Rovin James F. Canja, PDO IV and Officer-In-Charge of the BLSS-YFD through telephone number 86379814 or email at [blss.yfd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blss.yfd@deped.gov.ph) (cc: [learnconph@deped.gov.ph](mailto:learnconph@deped.gov.ph)).

  
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**Annex A**

**PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES**

<p align="center"><b>Day 0: 29 July 2023</b>  <b>Delegation Arrival, Final Preparation, and Welcome Concert</b></p>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Venue</b>
8:00 AM - 12:00 NN	Travel to Billeting Schools	Billeting Schools
	Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance/Verification of Participation</li> <li>• Billeting Assignments</li> <li>• Distribution of Kits</li> </ul>	
	Supervised Tour at the Billeting Schools	
	Final Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venue Setup</li> <li>• Ingress of Local Booths, Exhibits, Opportunities Fair, and Marketplace of Learners' Innovative Solutions and Initiatives</li> <li>• Technical Rehearsals</li> </ul>	Marikina Convention Center
12:00 NN - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Billeting Schools
1:01 PM onwards	Continuation of Arrival, Registration, and Final Setup	Billeting Schools & MCC
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner	Billeting Schools
7:01 PM - 8:00 PM	Safety Briefing and Orientation	
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Supervised Practice of Regional Performances	
10:00 PM	Lights Off	
<p align="center"><b>Day 1: 30 July 2023</b>  <b>Opening Ceremonies, Plenary &amp; Panel Discussions, and Welcome Night</b></p>		
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration	Billeting Schools

	<p>Launching of Local Booths, Exhibits, Opportunities Fair, and Marketplace of Learners' Innovative Solutions and Initiatives</p>	<p>Marikina Convention Center</p>
9:01 AM – 9:30 AM	<p>Opening Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrance of Colors</li> <li>• Opening Performance</li> <li>• Prayer of the Youth</li> <li>• National Anthem</li> </ul>	
9:31 AM – 10:00 AM	<p>Welcome Addresses</p> <p><b>Hon. Marcelino “Marcy” R. Teodoro</b> City Mayor, Marikina</p> <p><b>Wilfredo E. Cabral</b> Regional Director, DepEd- National Capital Region</p> <p><b>Dr. Dexter A. Galban</b> Assistant Secretary for Operations</p>	
10:01 AM – 10:10 AM	<p>Introduction of Keynote Speaker</p> <p><b>Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo</b> Undersecretary for Operations</p>	
10:11 AM – 10:25 AM	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p><b>Hon. Sara Z. Duterte</b> Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines and Secretary of the Department of Education</p>	
10:26 AM – 10:35 AM	<p>Program Overview and Expectation Settings</p> <p><b>Nenneth Esplana-Alama, PhD</b> Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services</p>	
10:36 AM – 11:00 AM	<p>Presentation LearnCon PH 2023 Official Theme Song &amp; Regional Chants</p> <p><b>Neil John T. Audan &amp; Jeeian Elijah Sajol</b> SDO Davao del Sur, Region XI</p>	
11:01 AM – 11:45 AM	<p>Plenary Talk 1</p> <p><b>Papel, Pluma, at Pangarap: Ang Kwento sa</b></p>	

	Kasalukuyang Kalagayan ng Edukasyon sa Pilipinas	
11:45 AM - 12:00 NN	Interactive Booth Activities/Networking	
12:01 NN - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break	
1:01 PM - 1:30 PM	Plenary Talk 2  <b>#MATATAGPH:</b> Bansang Makabata, Batang Makabansa	
1:31 PM - 2:00 PM	Panel Discussion 1  <b>Usapang Kalusugan:</b> Para sa #HealthyBuhay nina Juana't Juan	
2:01 PM - 2:15 PM	Entertainment	
2:16 PM - 3:15 PM	Panel Discussion 2  <b>#KolaborAKSYON:</b> Mga Natatanging Inityatibo Para sa Kapakanan ng mga Mag-aaral na Pilipino	
3:16 PM - 3:30 PM	Entertainment/Social Media Break/Networking	
3:31 PM - 5:00 PM	Panel Discussion 3  <b>Tayo Tayo!:</b> Ang Halaga ng Bolunterismo para sa Kabataang Pilipino	
5:01 PM - 6:00 PM	Traveling Back to Billeting Areas	Billeting Schools
6:01 - 7:00 PM	Dinner and Preparation for Welcome Night	
7:01 - 9:00 PM	<b>Maligayang Pagdating!:</b> Welcome Night for New Breeds of Education Champions	
10:00 PM	Lights Off	
<b>Day 2: 31 July 2023</b>		
<b>Thematic Learning Sessions and Attendance at Palarong Pambansa Opening Ceremony</b>		
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM	Breakfast	Billeting Schools
7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Preparation for the Sessions	
7:31 AM - 12:00 NN	<b>Thematic Learning Sessions</b>	



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Leadership, Governance, and Civic Engagement</li> <li>2. Health and Well-Being</li> <li>3. Gender and Social Inclusion</li> <li>4. Climate Action, Environmental Protection, and Agriculture</li> <li>5. Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Future Readiness</li> <li>6. Culture, Arts, and Peace</li> </ol> <p><i>Simultaneous Program Flow in Breakout Rooms:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing of the Philippine National Anthem</li> <li>• Ecumenical Prayer</li> </ul> </li> <li>II. Presentation of the Session Overview</li> <li>III. Introduction of Resource Speaker 1</li> <li>IV. Session 1</li> <li>V. Introduction of Resource Speaker 2</li> <li>VI. Session 2</li> <li>VII. Ice Breaker/Snacks</li> <li>VIII. Introduction of Resource Speaker 3</li> <li>IX. Session 3</li> <li>X. Open Discussion</li> <li>XI. Closing and Group Photo Opportunity</li> </ol>	
12:00 NN – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break	
1:00 NN – 3:00 PM	Travel to the Venue of the Palarong Pambansa Opening Ceremony	Marikina Sports Complex
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Arrival to the Venue and Settling Down	
3:31 PM – 6:00 PM	Attendance at the Palarong Pambansa Opening Ceremony	
6:01 PM – 7:00 PM	Travel Back to Billeting Areas	
7:01 PM – 8:00 PM	Dinner	Billeting Schools
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Supervised Practice of Regional Performances	
10:00 PM	Lights Off	
<b>Day 3: 01 August 2023</b>		
<b>Simultaneous Sessions, Presentation of Outputs, and Learner-Centered Panel Discussion</b>		
6:00 AM – 7:00 AM	Breakfast	Billeting Schools

7:01 AM - 7:30 AM	Travel to the Venue of the Simultaneous Activities	
8:01 AM - 12:00 NN	<p>Simultaneous Sessions and Preparation of Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YFD Session: <b>Learners' Assembly and Capacity Building Program</b> (for DFSSLG Outgoing &amp; Incoming Presidents)</li> <li>• SHD Session: <b>Advocacy and Campaigns for Health</b> (for health representatives)</li> <li>• LRPO Session: <b>Learners' Rights Congress</b> (for learner member of Child Protection Committee or learner representative of any LRP-related organization in the absence of the latter)</li> </ul>	Marikina Convention Center
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSD Session: <b>Workshop on the Development of an Action Plan on the Promotion of Sports Club in Public Schools</b> (for sports representatives)</li> </ul>	Ingenium School Quadrangle
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DRRMS Session: <b>Disaster Preparedness</b> (for DRRM representatives)</li> </ul>	Infant Jesus Academy
12:01 NN - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break and Travel Back to MCC	Marikina Convention Center
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Finalization of the Session Outputs	
2:01 PM - 3:30 PM	<p>Presentation of the Office Initiatives and Session Outputs (Part 1)</p> <p><b>Nenneth Esplana-Alama, PhD</b> Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services</p> <p>1. SSD-led Session (for sports representatives) <b>Cesar Abalon</b> Chief, School Sports Division</p> <p>2. SHD-led session (for health representatives) <b>Dr. Maria Corazon Dumlao</b> Chief, School Health Division</p> <p>3. DRRMS-led session (for DRRM representatives) <b>Atty. Christian E. Rivero</b></p>	

	Director IV, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service	
3:31 PM - 3:45 PM	Mental Health Break/ Social Networking	
3:46 PM - 4:45 PM	<p>Presentation of the Office Initiatives and Session Outputs (Part 2)</p> <p>4. LRPO-led session (for learners' rights and protection representatives) <b>Atty. Suzette Gannaban-Medina</b> OIC-Director, Learners' Rights and Protection Office</p> <p>5. YFD-led Session (for incoming and outgoing DFSSG Presidents) <b>Rovin James F. Canja</b> OIC-Chief, Youth Formation Division</p>	
4:46 PM - 5:00 PM	Entertainment/Energizer	
5:01 PM - 5:45 PM	<p>Panel Discussion 4:</p> <p><b>#YOUTHsapan:</b> Malayang Dayalogo ng mga Kabataang Pilipino ng Kanilang Ambag at Pangarap</p>	
5:46 PM - 6:00 PM	Synthesis	
6:01 PM - 7:00 PM	Travel Back to Billeting Schools	Billeting Schools
7:01 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner	
10:00 PM	Lights Off	
<b>Day 4: 02 August 2023</b> <b>LGU-Organized Event, Convergence Night, and Closing Ceremonies</b>		
5:00 AM - 6:30 AM	Breakfast and Preparation for the LGU-Organized Event	Billeting Schools & LGU-Organized Event venue
6:31 AM - 8:00 AM	Travel to LGU-Organized Event	
8:01 AM - 4:00 PM	LGU-Organized Event	
4:01 PM - 5:30 PM	Travel Back to Billeting Schools	Billeting Schools

5:31 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner and Preparation for Convergence Night and Closing Ceremonies	
7:01 PM – 7:30 PM	Travel Back to Marikina Convention Center	
7:31 PM – 10:00 PM	<p><b>Convergence Night and Closing Ceremonies</b></p> <p>(1) Preliminaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Opening Entertainment</li> <li>&gt; Prayer</li> <li>&gt; National Anthem</li> <li>&gt; Community Dance (LearnCon PH Theme Song)</li> </ul> <p>(2) Welcome Message</p> <p><b>Hon. Marcelino “Marcy” R. Teodoro</b> City Mayor of Marikina</p> <p><b>Nenneth Esplana–Alama, PhD</b> Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services</p> <p>(3) Inspirational Message: Engaging the Filipino Learners Moving Forward</p> <p><b>Dr. Dexter A. Galban</b> Assistant Secretary for Operations</p> <p>(4) Cultural Performances (SET 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)</li> <li>&gt; Region I</li> <li>&gt; Region II</li> <li>&gt; Region III</li> <li>&gt; Region IV-A (CALABARZON)</li> <li>&gt; MIMAROPA Region</li> </ul> <p>(5) Presentation of NFSSG 2022–2023 Accomplishments</p> <p>(6) Cultural Performances (SET 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Region V</li> <li>&gt; Region VI</li> <li>&gt; Region VII</li> <li>&gt; Region VIII</li> <li>&gt; Region IX</li> <li>&gt; Region X</li> </ul>	Marikina Convention Center

	<p>(7) Presentation of the Learner Declaration towards Bansang Makabata, Batang Makabansa</p> <p>(8) Cultural Performances (SET 3) &gt; Region XI &gt; Region XII &gt; CARAGA &gt; Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao &gt; National Capital Region (NCR)</p> <p>(9) Donning of Responsibility and Oathtaking of the Newly Elected National Federation of Supreme Student Government for School Year 2023-2024</p> <p>(10) Presidential Speech and Presentation of Learners' Declaration and Inputs to the National Action Plan for Learners' Participation &gt; Newly Elected NFSSLG President, SY 2023-2024</p> <p>(11) Recapitulation Video of the LearnConPH</p> <p>(12) Closing Message <b>Ma. Evalou Concepcion A. Agustin</b> Schools Division Superintendent Division of City Schools Marikina</p> <p>(13) Community Dance/Party</p>	
10:01 PM - 10:30 PM	Travel Back to Billeting Areas	Billeting Schools
11:00 PM	Lights Off	
<b>Day 5: 03 August 2023</b> <b>Departure of Participants</b>		
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Billeting Schools
	Cleaning of Quarters	
	Preparation for Departure	
9:01 AM onwards	Leave the Billeting Areas	