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Department of Education
REGION IV-A CALABARZON
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BATANGAS

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**2026 NATIONAL SOLO PARENTS WEEK AND
NATIONAL SOLO PARENTS DAY**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief- Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)
Chief- School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)
Education Program Supervisor in-charge of Private Schools
Public Schools District Supervisors
Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All others concerned

1. Attached herewith is Regional Memorandum No. 026, s. 2026 re: *2026 National Solo Parents Week and National Solo Parents Day*.
2. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent

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To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Attached Agencies
All Others Concerned

1. The State is mandated to promote a just and dynamic social order and to provide adequate social services to improve the quality of life of its citizens. Pursuant to **Republic Act No. 11861**, otherwise known as the **Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act**, the government is committed to promoting and protecting the rights and welfare of solo parents by providing appropriate support mechanisms, benefits, and social services.
2. In accordance with the said law, **the third week of April is declared as the National Solo Parents Week (NSPW)**, while the **third Saturday of April is declared as National Solo Parents Day (NSPD)**.
3. In observance of the **2026 National Solo Parents Week and National Solo Parents Day**, with the theme, ***Hindi ka Nag-itsa sa Iyong Pag-itsa: Yakap at Kalinga para sa Solo Parent***, this Memorandum is issued to enjoin all Department of Education (DepEd) offices to support the national observance and reaffirm the Department's commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive work environment for solo parent employees.
4. To truly embody the spirit of ***Yakap at Kalinga***, all heads of offices and school heads are directed to ensure a workplace environment that is free from discrimination and responsive to the needs of solo parents. Where practicable and subject to existing rules and operational requirements, flexible work arrangements, including telecommuting and flexible work schedules, may be extended to qualified solo parent employees.
5. Consistent with the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act and Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 08, s. 2004 (Guidelines on the Grant of Parental Leave to Solo Parents), eligible solo parent employees shall continue to avail of the **parental leave of not more than seven working days with pay** annually, in addition to other benefits prescribed by law. These benefits are intended to help solo parents in effectively performing their parental responsibilities, particularly in attending to the medical, educational, and developmental needs of their children when their presence is necessary or beneficial.

6. During the observance of the 2026 NSPW and NSPD, all DepEd offices are encouraged to undertake appropriate activities and interventions, including orientations on the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act and other initiatives aligned with the objectives of the national celebration, subject to existing guidelines.
7. All expenses incurred related to the conduct of the 2026 NSPW and NSPD may be charged against the respective offices' Gender and Development (GAD) Budget, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations. The same may be included in their respective GAD Accomplishment Reports.
8. Private basic education institutions are likewise encouraged to participate in the observance of the 2026 NSPW and NSPD to support advocacy for solo parents' welfare.
9. For further information, inquiries may be directed to the **DepEd National Gender and Development Focal Point System Secretariat, Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development-Employee Welfare Division**, 4th Floor, Mabini Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, through email at gfps.secretariat@deped.gov.ph or through telephone number (02) 8633-7229.
10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

By the Authority of the Secretary



WILFREDO E. CABRAL

Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development and Infrastructure

Reference:
None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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Dear Dr. Ibanez:

Mrs. Lea A. Napeñas
Treasurer

Warm greetings.

Dr. Violeta C. Ramos
Assistant Treasurer

We respectfully inform your good office that the DepEd Batangas Orientation: SHS Curriculum, Grading System, and Tri-Term Updates, originally scheduled on April 24, 2026, has been rescheduled to May 2, 2026 (Saturday) at Tan Ville Garden Resort, Rosario, Batangas.

Mrs. Consorcia M. Gonzales
Auditor

This adjustment is due to an urgent event that our keynote speaker, Dr. Jerome T. Buenviaje, Assistant Secretary, Department of Education for Learning Systems Strand, will have to attend.

Dr. Norma P. Blanco
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All other details of the activity remain the same and we are still inviting you, Dr. Marian L. Arias and Dr. Ma. Leticia Jose C. Basilan.

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Area 1 **Mr. Oscar S. Manalo, Jr.**
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Area 3 **Dr. Norma P. Blanco**
Area 4 **Dr. Jayson O. Gulpan**

For your reference, the general program is as follows:

- 7:00 AM – Registration
- 7:30 AM – Opening Program
 - Prayer
 - National Anthem
 - Welcome Remarks: Dr. Catherine Recto-Banta
 - Message: Dr. Marites A. Ibanez
 - SHS Pilot School Insights: Sta. Teresa College
 - Introduction of Guest Speaker: Dr. Joy Macaspac
- 8:00 AM – Orientation Proper: Dr. Jerome T. Buenviaje
 - Strengthened Senior High School Curriculum
 - Tri-Term Academic Structure
 - Revised Grading System
- 12:00 NN – Lunch

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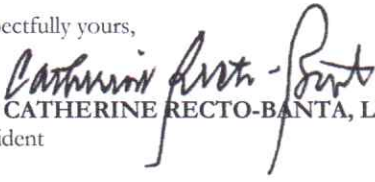
We sincerely hope for your continued support and understanding, and we look forward to your presence on the new schedule.

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Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,


DR. CATHERINE RECTO-BANTA, LPT, MDC
President