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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF OZAMIZ CITY

October 16, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 367, s. 2025

PARTICIPATION IN THE LEARNERS' CONVERGENCE PHILIPPINES (LearnCon PH) 2025

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors (CID and SGOD)
Public Secondary School Heads
Supreme Secondary Learner Government Advisers
All Others Concerned
This Division

1. In reference to DepEd Memorandum No. 96, s. 2025 titled **Learners' Convergence Philippines (LearnConPH) 2025,** this Office informs all concerned on the participation of the select Division Federated Supreme Secondary Learner Government officers in the LearnCon PH 2025 in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, on October 27-30, 2025.

2. This convergence seeks to celebrate the excellence, potential, and meaningful contributions of Filipino youth in leadership, advocacy, creativity, and community involvement. The event emphasizes the vital role of every learner's voice in shaping dialogue and decision-making, while also highlighting the shared responsibility, collaboration, and collective ownership of the nation's future.

3. The participants are (six) 6 secondary student leaders with strong advocacy and active membership in clubs/organizations aligned with the thematic areas and groups, as follows:

Thematic Area	Name of Participants	School	District
Leadership Governance and Civic Engagement	Thirdee Angeles C. Centino	Ozamiz City NHS	1
Health and Well-being	Marchie Mae C. Candillada	Montol NHS	7
Gender & Social Inclusion	Angel Grace A. Buhian	Jose Lim Ho NHS	6
Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Future Readiness	Shania B. Sitoy	Domingo A. Baloa IS	5
Culture, Arts & Peace	John Clint Garcia	Sinusa IS	6
Climate Action, Environment Protection & Agriculture	Jazzly Olean C. Decena	OCSAT	4

The learner-participants shall be chaperoned by the non-teaching personnel, as follows:

Name of Chaperones	Position/Station
Shenefe B. Lomoctos	PDO I, Division Youth Formation Coordinator
Yulane E. Pangilinan	AO II - Labinay Elem. School

4. All participants shall secure the necessary documents prior to the participation in the said convergence, as follows:

a. Approved Travel Authority
b. Medical Certificate issued by the Division Medical Officer
c. Scanned copy of School/Employee Identification card
d. Parental Consent and Waiver Form (learner-participant)

5. Attached herewith is the DepEd Memorandum with Parental Consent Template for reference.

6. Expenses incurred relative to the participation to the convergence shall be charged to the Youth Formation Program Support Fund 2025 subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

7. Queries regarding this matter can be channeled to Shenefe B. Lomoctos, PDO I, Division Youth Formation Coordinator.

8. This Office directs the immediate dissemination of this Memoradum.

LORENA P. SERRANO, CESO VI
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
OIC, Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As Stated
Reference: DepEd Memorandum No. 96, s. 2025
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

LEARNCON PH 2025 **PARTICIPATION**

SBL/DM Participation to the Learners' Convergence Philippines 2025
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DepEd MEMORANDUM
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LEARNERS' CONVERGENCE PHILIPPINES 2025

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), Office of the Undersecretary for Operations (OUOPS), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD), will conduct the **Learners' Convergence Philippines (LearnCon PH) 2025,** in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental on October 27 to 30, 2025, with the theme ***"#GalingKabataan: Boses Mo, Bukas Natin!".***

2. The LearnCon PH is the largest face-to-face engagement of learners, youth leaders, and education stakeholders representing the 229 School Division Offices (SDO) from 18 regions of the country. This Convergence provides learner participants with the unique opportunity to not only gain insights from esteemed speakers and engaging activities but also to enrich their learning experience through interaction with one another, fostering a deeper understanding of diverse cultures across the country. Specifically, the LearnCon PH 2025 aims to achieve the following objectives:

a. Provide learners with career exploration opportunities, industry insights, and guidance on post-secondary pathways and connect learners with professionals, employers, and educational institutions to help them make informed career decisions, align their skills with industry demands, and prepare for future employment or higher education through the **National Career Expo Kick-off for School Year 2025-2026**.

b. Disseminate relevant DepEd issuances, key programs, projects, and opportunities to learners and education stakeholders.

c. Facilitate conversations on pressing issues relevant to learners as emerging leaders, fostering active involvement (e.g., bullying, teen pregnancy, job mismatch, etc.).

d. Provide learners with a platform to dialogue, share ideas, insights, lessons learned, and best practices in learner-participation.

e. Collaborate with diverse sectors to create a network for delivering real, responsive, and impactful change.

f. Provide learners with insights into their role in nation-building, offering a safe space for networking in leadership, governance, civic engagement, health and well-being, gender and social inclusion, climate action, environmental protection, agriculture, innovation, entrepreneurship, future readiness, culture, arts, and peace.

g. Gather learner inputs for the co-creation of a **Regional Learners' 3-year Strategic Action Plan and Resolutions** aligned with the six (6) Thematic Areas of Learner Support that **address regional issues and challenges** faced by learners through **responsive, inclusive, and sustainable solutions**.

h. Create a learning environment where learners enjoy their right to participate in matters concerning them, with their views being seriously considered.

3. This year marks the fourth edition of the Philippine Youth Convergence (PYC), first conducted in 2022, which was rebranded to LearnCon PH in 2023. The upcoming Convergence shall be hosted by the local government unit (LGU) of Negros Oriental and Dumaguete City in collaboration with the DepEd Negros Island Region (NIR).

4. The BLSS-YFD shall convene the different Working Committees, which will be composed of members representing various offices in DepEd, LGU, host region, to assist in the implementation of all preparatory activities, event proper, and event evaluation and monitoring.

5. The Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Minister of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), Bureau and Service Directors, representatives of invited offices, and members of the Working Committees are invited to attend the said activity.

6. The BLSS-YFD shall oversee the overall planning, preparation, implementation, and evaluation of the LearnCon PH 2025, and shall work in close coordination with the Office of the Regional Director, DepEd NIR, and Local Government of Negros Oriental and Dumaguete City, which shall provide the necessary administrative and logistical support and assistance to the activity.

7. Participation in the LearnCon PH 2025 shall be **purely voluntary** and **will not hamper instructional time** pursuant to the provisions set in DO 12, s. 2025, "**Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities**" and DO 9, s. 2005, "**Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith**."

8. Furthermore, the regional and schools division offices shall ensure strict compliance with the existing DepEd guidelines concerning in-person activities as outlined in DO 3, s. 2023 titled **An Order Allowing the Conduct of In-person Activities in Schools**, and DO 66, s. 2017 titled **Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities**. In line with the Department's commitment to prioritizing the best interest of learners in all decisions and actions involving them, and to protecting them against any form of abuse, violence, exploitation, discrimination, and bullying, full adherence to DO 40, s. 2012 titled **DepEd Child Protection Policy**, and DO 31, s. 2022 titled **Child Rights Policy: Adopting the Rights-Based Education Framework in the Philippine Basic Education** must be observed.

9. For ease of reference, contained in this DepEd Memorandum are the administrative guidelines, pre-registration forms, parental consent and waiver form, confirmation form, and indicative program of activities in the following enclosures:

Enclosure No. 1	:	Administrative Guidelines,
Enclosure No. 2	:	Schools Division Office Pre-Registration Form,
Enclosure No. 3	:	Parental Consent and Waiver Form,
Enclosure No. 4	:	Regional Confirmation Form,
Enclosure No. 5	:	Indicative Program of Activities.

10. There shall be **no registration fees** to be collected and/or charged to all delegates for participating in the LearnCon PH 2025. Expenses for the board and lodging of selected participants and chaperones from the schools division office assigned by the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) shall be charged to Learner Support Program 2025 Funds. Travel expenses and other incidental expenses of selected participants and PDOs shall be charged to Local Funds, Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), Local School Board - Special Education Fund (LSB-SEF), and other fund source/s, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

11. Fund support to cover all LearnCon PH 2025 expenses including venues, as well as the board and lodging, transportation, and other expenses of the members of the Working Committees relevant to the actual conduct of the LearnCon PH 2025 shall be downloaded to DepEd NIR for hosting the event charged to the LSP 2025 Funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

12. Cost of attendance of the members of the Executive Committee and Management Committee, as well as the representatives of the various offices invited to the LearnCon PH 2025, shall be charged to their respective Local Office Funds.

13. All chaperones and technical working group members who will render service on weekends and holidays shall be entitled to avail of service credits, compensatory time-off (CTO), or overtime credits. These may be used for leave purposes and shall remain valid and binding until they are separated or retired from service, subject to the approval of granting authorities. The service credits or CTO are subject to existing rules and regulations of DepEd and shall be approved by their respective Schools Division Offices.

14. For questions and clarifications, all concerned may contact the **LearnCon PH Secretariat** through email at learnconph@deped.gov.ph.

15. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

SONNY ANGARA
Secretary

Encl.:
As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 044, s. 2022, 033, s. 2023, and 029, s. 2024

(Enclosure No. 3 to DepEd Memorandum No. 096, s. 2025)

Enclosure No. 3

PARENTAL CONSENT WAIVER and RELEASE

I, _____, as the parent or legal guardian of _____, acknowledge that I have been informed of the details of the conduct of the **LEARNERS' CONVERGENCE PHILIPPINES 2025,** and state/declare that:

1. I give Full Consent for our child/ward _____ to participate in the LEARNERS' CONVERGENCE PHILIPPINES 2025 (LearnCon PH 2025) to be conducted by the Bureau of Learner Support Services – Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD) of the Department of Education (DepEd) on October 27–30, 2025 in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental;

2. I understand that my child/ward's in-person attendance at the event will include associating with teachers, fellow learners and school personnel, and other persons inside and outside of the school, which may expose my child/ward to communicable diseases, notwithstanding the precautions undertaken by the implementing team to avoid such exposure.

3. I acknowledge that our child/ward's participation in this activity is completely voluntary and he/she may decline to participate at any time for any reason. Aware of the risk of possible transmission of any communicable diseases to my child/ward, and to the members of my household, I freely assume the said risk and permit my child/ward to attend this activity.

4. To the best of my knowledge, my child/ward is in good physical condition and I confirm that he/she does not have any symptoms for communicable disease.

5. I will not allow our child/ward to participate in the LearnCon PH 2025 if he/she or any member of my household develops any symptoms of illness that may or may not be related to any communicable disease. I will also inform the school/division and not allow my child/ward to attend the LearnCon PH 2025, if he/she or any members of my household test positive for any communicable disease.

6. I give full permission to any video/audio recording or picture taken of my child/ward during the conduct of the LearnCon PH 2025; for purposes of documentation my child/ward's images, contribution, or performance may be used in any publication created by or for the BLSS-YFD and to release this material through DepEd official platforms, in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10173 otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

7. I agree to and understand the commitment of my child/ward as a participant and will support his/her endeavor to mee the expectations, guidelines, and responsibilities to his/her fellow participants and to DepEd.

LEARNER-PARTICIPANT CONSENT, WAIVER and RELEASE

1. I, _____, agree to participate with the consent of my parent/s and/or legal guardian in the LEARNERS' CONVERGENCE PHILIPPINES 2025 (LearnCon PH 2025) to be conducted by the Bureau of Learner Support Services – Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD) of the Department of Education (DepEd) on October 27–30. 2025 in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental

2. I give permission to DepEd and its representatives to make recordings of my voice and to take photographs and/or videos in which I appear, to be used for the communications and various public campaigns of DepEd be it in print, broadcast, and/or electronic media, at the event and location stated above, subject to limitations of applicable and relevant laws, rules, and regulations.

3. I conform/agree to the collection and/or processing of my personal information and data, that are necessary to successfully host the LearnCon PH 2025 event, in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10173 otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

4. I have read and understood completely the accompanying letter and information leaflet, and therefore know the purpose of the project/activity and my participation therein.

5. With full understanding, I freely and voluntarily give my consent to my participation in the activity.

_____	_____
Name of Learner-Participant	Name of School
_____	_____
Age	Date

8. To the extent allowed by law and rules, I agree to waive, release, and discharge any and all claims, causes of action, damages and rights against DepEd relative to the conduct of the activity.

9. With full understanding, I freely and voluntarily give my consent to my child/ward's participation in the activity. I also attest that I sought the views of my child/ward and he/she has expressed his/her willingness to participate in the activity; and

10. By signing below, I acknowledge and represent that I have read this document, took time to understand it, and eventually sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2025 at _____, Philippines.

_____	_____
Signature of Parent/Guardian over Printed Name	Contact Details (Mobile Number)
_____	_____
Name of Child/Ward	Date

(Enclosure No. 5 to DepEd Memorandum No. 096, s. 2025)

Enclosure No. 5

Learners' Convergence Philippines 2025
Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental | October 27-30, 2025

INDICATIVE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Time	Activity	Focal
Day 1 |October 27, 2025| Arrival, Opening Program, BKB Launching, and NCEX Kick-off		
06:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Arrival and Registration of Participants	Host Region/ Division
09:01 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.	Preliminaries Presentation of Attendees Opening Salvo Pambansang Awit Prayer Regional Hymm Bagong Pilipinas Hymm	Host Region/ Division/ TWG
09:31 a.m. – 09:45 a.m.	Welcome Remarks **Dr. Ramir B. Uytico, CESO III** Regional Director, DepEd NIR	
09:46 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Message of Support **Manuel "Chaco" Longa Sagarbarria (TBC)** Governor, Negros Oriental	
10:01 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Message and Presentation of Keynote Speaker **Hon. Sonny M. Angara** Secretary of Education	
10:16 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Keynote Message **Hon. Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (TBC)** President of the Republic of the Philippines	
10:31 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	**Landas Career Guidance Toolkit Launching** *via Audio Visual Presentation*	BLSS-Youth Formation Division
10:41 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	**National Career Expo Kick-off SY 2025-2026** *(Ribbon Cutting)*	Resource Speakers
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 n.n.	**Photo Opportunity**	
12:01 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	Lunch	
01:01 p.m. – 01:30 p.m.	Travel to Cluster Venues	TWG
01:31 p.m. – 01:45 p.m.	Inspirational Speech	Invited Resource Speaker

01:01 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.	Action Plan Building *(Continuation)*	Invited Resource Speakers and Participants
03:01 a.m. – 03:15 a.m.	Health Break	
03:16 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.	Presentation & Commitment Ceremony	Invited Resource Speakers and Participants
05:01 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.	Travel to Billeting Schools	TWG and Participants
06:01 p.m. – 07:00 p.m.	Dinner	
07:00 p.m. – 09:00 p.m.	Film Showing/ Stakeholders' Night	Resource Speaker and TWG
10:01 p.m. – onwards	Lights Off	

Time	**Activity**	**Focal**
Day 3 | October 29, 2025 | Learners' Congress		
06:30 a.m. – 07:30 a.m.	Breakfast	
07:31 a.m. – 08:00 a.m.	Travel to Simultaneous Venues	TWG and Participants
08:01 a.m. – 08:30 a.m.	Preliminaries Nationalistic Song Prayer Energizer/ MOL	TWG
08:31 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.	Plenary Session 1: Policy 101 – Understanding How Policies Are Made	Invited Resource Speakers
09:31 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Workshop No. 1: Policy Labs (Issue Scoping)	Invited Resource Speakers and Participants
10:01 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Health Break	
10:16 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Plenary Session 2: "From Idea to Impact" – Writing a Policy Proposal or Resolution	Invited Resource Speakers
11:16 a.m. – 12:00 n.n.	Workshop No. 2: Labs (Writing & Refinement)	Invited Resource Speakers and Participants
11:01 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
01:01 p.m. – 01:15 p.m.	Afternoon Icebreaker/ Exercise	TWG
01:16 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.	Parliamentary Procedure Discussion	Invited Resource Speakers
03:01 p.m. – 03:15 p.m.	Health Break	

Time	Activity	Focal
03:16 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.	Simulation Activity	NFSSLG, Invited Resource Speakers and Participants
05:01 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.	Return to Billeting Schools	TWG and Participants
06:01 p.m. – 08:00 p.m.	Dinner	
10:00 p.m. – onwards	Lights Off	TWG

Time	Activity	Focal
Day 4 | October 30, 2025 | Project Pitching Exercise, Panel Discussion, and Closing Program		
06:30 a.m. – 07:30 a.m.	Breakfast	
07:31 a.m. – 08:00 a.m.	Travel to Main Venue	TWG
08:01 a.m. – 08:30 a.m.	Preliminaries AVP Prayer Energizer	TWG
08:31 a.m. – 12:00 n.n.	**Project Pitching Exercise**	Participants and Resource Speakers
12:01 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
01:01 p.m. – 01:10 p.m.	Icebreaker	
01:11 p.m. – 01:30 p.m.	**Plenary Discussion:** Understanding the Children and Youth Participation Landscape	Resource Speaker
01:30 p.m. – 02:30 p.m.	**Panel Discussion: Pathways to Participation**	Resource Speakers
03:31 p.m. – 04:00 p.m.	**Presentation of NFSSLG Newly Elected Officers and Board Members for SY 2025-2026**	TWG/ NFSSLG
04:01 p.m. – 04:30 p.m.	Closing Messages **Dr. Miguel Angelo S. Mantaring** Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services **Anthony H. Liobet** Assistant Regional Director, DepEd Negros Island Region	
04:31 p.m. – 04:40 p.m.	AVP-Event Highlights	

DAY 2

Time	Activity	Focal
08:31 a.m. – 12:00 n.n.	**Project Pitching Exercise**	Participants and Resource Speakers
12:01 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
01:01 p.m. – 01:10 p.m.	Icebreaker	
01:11 p.m. – 01:30 p.m.	**Plenary Discussion:** Understanding the Children and Youth Participation Landscape	Resource Speaker
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04:31 p.m. – 04:40 p.m.	AVP-Event Highlights	
04:41 p.m. – 05:40 p.m.	Awarding of Certificates	
05:41 p.m. – 06:30 p.m.	Return to Billeting Schools	
06:31 p.m. – 07:30 p.m.	Dinner	