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Department of Education
REGION XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP)
IMPLEMENTATION FOR CY 2026**

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1. The Science and Technology Enhancement Program (STEP) shall be implemented for Calendar Year 2026 and will be conducted through a face-to-face modality to all teachers teaching Science. Sessions shall be held on one Saturday after every periodical quarter, with each district determining its own schedule.
2. As an innovation for professional development, networking, and intervention in preparation for the upcoming assessments, the program includes discussions on least learned competencies, assessment, research, and other relevant topics by grade level. The topics to be discussed in every session shall focus on science content, teaching strategies, and instructional and digital resources.
3. The STEP facilitators shall be the District Coordinators and their partners who were trained in the previous trainings.
4. The presence of the Education Program Supervisor, Public Schools District Supervisors, and School Heads during the scheduled dates is also expected as part of their monitoring of the program implementation.
5. In as much as the STEP activity will be conducted on Saturday, service credits/ Compensatory Overtime Credits (COC) shall be given following the provision of DepEd Order 53, s. 2003 entitled *“Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits”*.
6. Transportation, and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged against local fund subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. In conducting the different DepEd Programs, Projects and Activities (PPA's), the Equal Opportunities Principle (EOP) and strict safety and healthy protocols shall be observed at all times.
8. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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