



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION V - BICOL



11 September 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 41-65s. 2025

INVITATION TO THE FILM "THE SONG OF THE FIREFLIES"

To : Assistant Regional Director
Schools Division Superintendents
CID Chiefs
School Heads from Public and Private Schools
Education Program Supervisors
All other concerned

1. This is in relation to the enclosed Memorandum received from the Public Affairs Service, Department of Education - Central Office, allowing learners and teachers in both public and private schools to view the film *The Song of the Fireflies* for educational purposes.
2. Given its strong educational themes, the film serves as a meaningful resource to support classroom discussions in Values Education, Music, and Filipino cultural appreciation.
3. Teachers' and learners' participation in this activity shall be **purely voluntary** and subject to the observance of existing DepEd policies, most especially the **No Collection Policy**.
4. For information and appropriate action.


GILBERT T. SADSAD
Regional Director


Encls: As stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

Learners Resource Support

September 15, 2025

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
SGOD and CID Chiefs
EPS, PSDs, School Heads for Public and Private Elementary Schools
All Others Concerned

For information, guidance and dissemination .


JOSE L. DONCILLO, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

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9/14/25

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY



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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



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