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Department of Education

MEMORANDUM

TO : UNDERSECRETARIES
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES
BUREAU AND SERVICE DIRECTORS
REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOL DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : 
SONNY ANGARA
Secretary

SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE AND TO THE DEPED PROGRAM TEAM UNDER THE DEPED-DICT JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 1, SERIES OF 2025 AND THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPED AND DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY ENTITLED, "CONNECTIVITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR E-LEARNING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS"

DATE : OCT 07 2025

1. In line with the directive of President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Jr. during the 2025 State of the Nation Address to provide reliable internet connectivity in all public schools, the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) have collaborated and formalized their commitment through a Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC)¹ and a Connectivity Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).²
2. Pursuant to the JMC and the Connectivity MOA, DepEd and DICT are mandated to establish a Joint DepEd-DICT Steering Committee (JSC) that will provide

¹ Annex A. Guidelines in the Implementation of the Connectivity Enhancement Program for e Learning in Public Schools (DEPED-DICT Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, Series of 2025).
² Annex B. Connectivity Enhancement Program for e-Learning in Public Schools (Memorandum of Agreement, signed 13 August 2025).

overall direction and oversight over the *Connectivity Enhancement Program for e-Learning in Public Schools* (Connectivity Program), as provided under Special Provision No. 26 of the 2025 General Appropriations Act.³ Accordingly, the following officials are hereby designated as the DepEd representatives to the JSC:

Co-Chairperson	Atty. Marcelino G. Veloso III Assistant Secretary Information & Communications Technology Services (ICTS)
Member; <i>DepEd Project Director</i>	Roger B. Masapol Assistant Secretary Governance & Operations – Education Governance
Member; <i>DepEd Project Manager</i>	Atty. Rodel James R. Pulma Attorney V ICTS
Member	All Regional Directors of DepEd

3. The DepEd representatives to the JSC are mandated to:

- 3.1. Participate in the monthly or special meetings of the JSC, whether in person or through teleconference;
- 3.2. Review the Connectivity Program's progress and corresponding reports, and recommend measures to address implementation concerns;
- 3.3. Resolve inter-agency issues affecting the Connectivity Program;
- 3.4. Endorse any necessary adjustments in DepEd's implementation strategies for the approval of the JSC;
- 3.5. Make recommendations and actions to ensure compliance by DepEd and DICT, and their suppliers, with the JMC and the Connectivity MOA;
- 3.6. Recommend additional members to the JSC, subject to the approval of the DepEd Secretary;
- 3.7. Contribute to the formulation of cybersecurity practices ("cyber hygiene") for school ICT coordinators and system users; and

³ General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025, Republic Act No. 12116, Special Provision No. 26, p. 208 (2024). The provision states,

"Connectivity Enhancement Program for e-Learning in Public Schools. The amount appropriated herein under the Connectivity Enhancement Program for e-Learning in Public Schools shall be used to ensure internet access in schools located in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAS) or in the Last Mile Schools with installed solar power systems.

The program shall be implemented by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) through its regional offices based on the list to be provided by the DepEd, subject to the guidelines to be jointly issued by DepEd and DICT."

- 3.8. Ensure regular reporting of accomplishments and concerns to the Office of the Secretary.
4. Any changes to the aforementioned designations shall be subject to the prior approval of this Office.
 5. The JSC may, as necessary, invite other DepEd units, bureaus, or personnel as observers, resource persons, or advisors on specific concerns requiring technical input.
 6. The ICTS of DepEd-Central Office is hereby designated as DepEd's internal Program Team (DepEd PT) that will handle day-to-day tasks such as:
 - 6.1. Consolidating the list of Remote Schools;
 - 6.2. Preparing technical specifications;
 - 6.3. Coordinating with DepEd regional and division offices; and
 - 6.4. Monitoring DICT's implementation of the Connectivity Program.
 7. As DepEd PT, the ICTS will be the primary recipient of DICT reports and will prepare consolidated reports for DepEd. ICTS will also handle communications with schools about the Connectivity Program's schedule and any preparatory or follow-up actions needed from DepEd's side.
 8. All field officials are mandated to familiarize themselves with the attached JMC and Connectivity MOA and to provide all needed support to make the Connectivity Program a success.
 9. For any clarifications or concerns, you can coordinate with the Technology Infrastructure Division through the following contact details: (02) 8633-2363 or icts.tid@deped.gov.ph.
 10. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance of this Memorandum is directed.

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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SORSOGON PROVINCE

October 08, 2025

To: **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent**
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EPS, PSDSs, School Heads for Public and Private Elementary Schools
All other concerned

For information, guidance and dissemination.


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