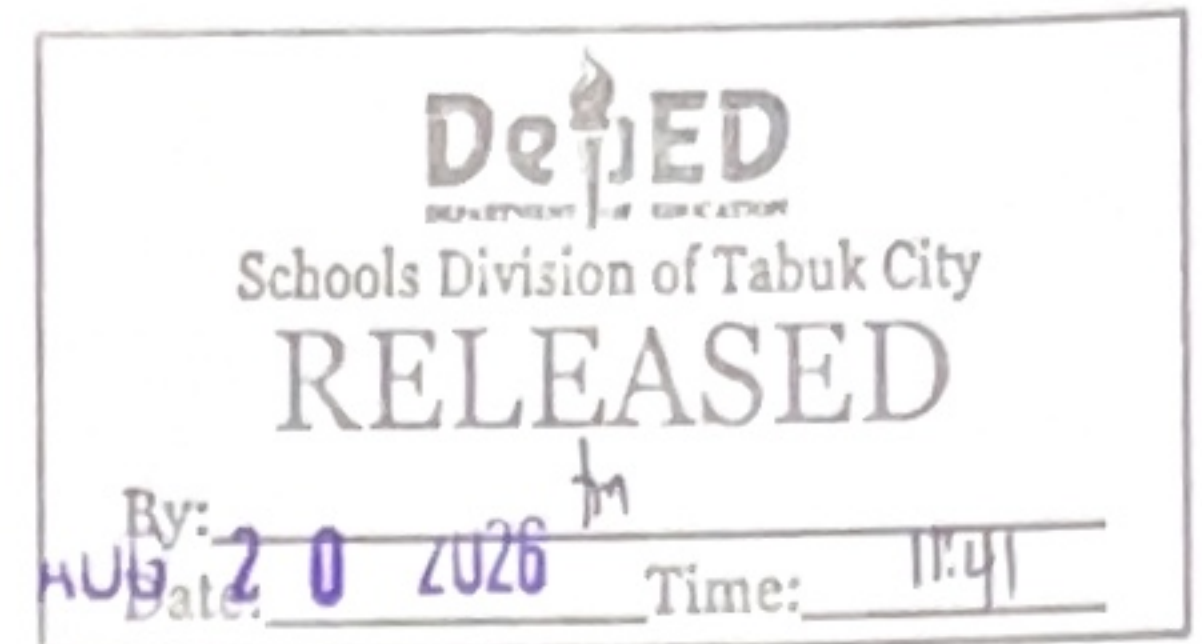




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Advisory No. **026**, s. 2026
August 18, 2026

In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
this advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 28, s. 2001
but only for the information of DepEd officials,
personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public

**VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION OF TEACHERS IN THE PROPOSED ACT
TEACHERS PARTY-LIST CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

1. This office hereby informs all concerned of the proposed ACT Teachers Party-List Consultative Assembly intended to provide education workers an opportunity to discuss matters concerning teachers' rights, welfare, benefits, and other education-sector concerns, as communicated by the Office of Hon. Antonio L. Tinio, Party-List Representative, ACT Teachers.
2. Based on the communication received by this Office dated 11 August 2026, the proposed activity is scheduled on 4 September 2026, in connection with the opening of the celebration of World Teachers' Month.
3. The proposed date falls within the End-of-Term Block of Term 1 under the approved Three-Term School Calendar for School Year 2026–2027, which runs from 2–15 September 2026. The End-of-Term Block provides an appropriate period for academic intervention, professional development, wellness, and other authorized activities, subject to existing DepEd policies and the proper management of school time.
4. Participation in the proposed activity shall be strictly **VOLUNTARY**. No teacher or DepEd personnel shall be compelled, directed, pressured, or otherwise influenced to attend or participate.
5. School heads are hereby directed to ensure that participation, if any, shall:
 - a. be undertaken only by personnel who voluntarily signify their intention to participate;
 - b. not result in the cancellation, suspension, or unauthorized modification of required school activities;
 - c. not prejudice the delivery of essential learner-support and school operations; and



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d. complies with applicable rules on official time, attendance, authority to attend, and use of government facilities and resources.

6. Political neutrality shall be strictly observed. The activity shall be understood as a consultative engagement concerning education-sector issues and teacher welfare and shall not be used as a venue for electioneering, partisan political campaigning, solicitation of votes, endorsement of candidates or political parties, or any other prohibited partisan political activity. DepEd personnel remain bound by the constitutional and Civil Service rules on political neutrality and partisan political activities.

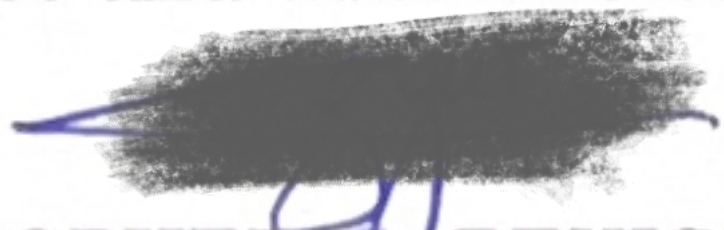
7. No DepEd funds shall be obligated or expended for the activity unless otherwise specifically authorized under existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement rules. Participation shall not entail the charging of personal expenses to teachers or other DepEd personnel without proper authority and applicable legal basis.

8. The activity shall likewise not involve learners as participants unless separately authorized and clearly within an appropriate DepEd program or policy. The primary consideration shall remain the protection of learners, continuity of school operations, and the integrity of the public education service.

9. School heads are directed to communicate this Advisory to all teaching and non-teaching personnel and to ensure that any participation is based solely on the individual's free and informed choice, consistent with applicable DepEd, Civil Service, and other relevant government rules.

10. This Advisory is issued to provide clear operational guidance, safeguard the voluntary nature of participation, preserve political neutrality, and ensure that the End-of-Term Block is utilized without compromising the delivery of quality basic education and the efficient functioning of schools.

11. For information, compliance and widest dissemination.


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