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Department of Education
Region VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CALBAYOG CITY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**CONDUCT OF THE 2026 DIVISION SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
TECHNOLOGY FAIR (DSTMF)**

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads of Public and Private Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the celebration of the 2026 National Science Club Month, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 264, s. 2002, and the 2026 Regional Science, Technology, and Mathematics Fair, the Schools Division Office of Calbayog City, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), is pleased to announce the **2026 Division Science, Technology, and Mathematics Fair (DSTMF)**, with the theme "*Siyensya, Teknolohiya at Inobasyon: Kabalikat sa Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Kinabukasan.*" The 2026 DSTMF will be held on September 4-5, 2026, with Calbayog 1 and Calbayog 2 Districts serving as the host districts. The contest venue will be at Bagacay Integrated School, Calbayog 2 District, Calbayog City.

2. The DSTMF aims to:

- (a.) Enhance the learners' interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) through engaging activities related to investigatory projects.
- (b.) Foster the holistic development of learners by encouraging their participation in STEM-related research, experiments, and problem-solving initiatives that can benefit society.

(c.) Provide opportunities for learners to showcase their scientific research, innovations, and projects in a collaborative environment, engaging the public, educators, and fellow students in scientific discourse.

3. The activity focuses on Science Investigatory Projects (SIP) Competitions, which are categorized into various fields of study. Each district is encouraged to submit investigatory projects from secondary students in both individual and team categories across the following fields:

Category	Individual Category		Team Category	
	Number of Contestant	Number of Coach	Number of Contestant	Number of Coach
Life Science	1	1	3	1
Physical Science	1	1	3	1
Robotics Intelligent Machine (RIM)	1	1	3	1
STEM Innovation Expo (SIE)	1	1	3	1
Mathematics Investigatory Project	1	1	3	1
DFOT Contest				
STEMazing secondary	Team with 2 members			
STEMazing elementary	Team with 2 members			

4. All submissions must adhere to the guidelines and contest mechanics set forth in the NSTF (National Science and Technology Fair Manual) to ensure consistency and compliance with national standards.

5. For this year's activity, no poster display is required. Researchers are only required to submit the manuscript (3 copies) and prepare slide deck for the congress (oral presentation). The poster display will be required only for the division representative who will participate in the Regional Science, Technology, and Mathematics Fair.

6. The official participants for each district will be the Rank 1 winners, or the selected entries in each of the different categories, whose submissions have been approved by the District Level Scientific Review Committee (DRC). The description and number of official participants and other party members are attached herewith.

7. Preparation and participation in this activity should strictly adhere to the DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 on the **"No Disruption of Classes"** policy. To ensure that the policy is strictly followed, participating schools are required to implement a mechanism for handling the classes of teachers involved in the event. Furthermore, participating research-students must be provided with ample opportunity to complete any missed assignments,

quizzes, and other academic requirements. Teachers are encouraged to provide modules or alternative learning materials to ensure these students remain on track with their lessons and do not fall behind.

8. All expenses related to the organization of the event will be charged to the host districts/school's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) or other eligible fund sources, in strict compliance with government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Meanwhile, food and travel expenses for contestants and coaches will be charged to their respective schools' MOOE and other available funds, following the same accounting and auditing guidelines.

9. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent
SO # 049, 2024



Enclosure: As stated

Reference: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

curriculum

learning area, science

programs

contests DSTMF

Enclosure No.1 to the Division Memorandum No. ____s.2026

DSTMF CONTEXTUALIZED GUIDELINES

The following are the contextualized guidelines on the conduct of DSTMF. All other related provisions in the STF handbook that are inconsistent with these contextualized guidelines are modified accordingly.

1. All districts must ensure that a study/investigatory project is submitted as entry to ONE category ONLY. In case a project was submitted to two or more categories, it will be disqualified to participate in all categories.
2. In case the District 1st Placer cannot participate in the DSTMF, the second then third ranks must be prioritized as replacement, following the rank sequence. This must be done prior to the submission of indorsement of the District Official List of Participants.
3. All projects must be a full or complete study and not a proposal. Product-based projects are highly encouraged.
4. The final products from the RIM and SIE categories are highly encouraged to be brought and presented during the Congress proper. In case of logistic challenges, a video presentation of the product can be utilized.
5. The code of the STEM Innovation EXPO is **SIE** and color code is **white for Team** and **black for Individual** categories.
6. Failure to follow the set guidelines, including correct entries in the Forms are subject to point deductions. The deduction to the participants' final rating will be based on the agreement and decision of the Board of Judges.
7. The special awards will include the Best Presenter.

The following are the criteria for judging:

- a) Best Project: Tuklas
 - Creative Ability – 30%
 - Scientific Thought – 30%
 - Thoroughness – 15%
 - Skill – 15%
 - Clarity – 10%
- b) Best Project: Innovation Expo
 - Originality and Creativity – 25%
 - Community Connection and Impact – 20%
 - Market Effectiveness – 15%
 - Functionality and Technology Validation – 25%
 - Presentation and Product Presentation - 15%
- c) Best Presenter
 - Clarity and Communication – 40%

- Engagement and Passion – 30%
 - Content Knowledge – 20%
 - Q&A Handling and Time Management – 10%
8. The Overall Division Winners will be identified through the consolidated rank system from all categories.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

September 4-5, 2026

DAY	ACTIVITY	VENUE
Day 0	PM: TWG meeting and preparation	TBA
Day 1 (SEP 4)	AM: Opening Program Congress Proper PM: Congress Proper (Continuation)	Respective Classroom
Day 2 (SEP 5)	AM: Congress Proper Final Deliberation PM: Closing and Awarding Ceremony	Respective Classroom

The activities schedule is subject to change. Participants are advised to stay updated on any announcements regarding adjustments.

Contestants from distant location are advise to set up the poster exhibit on day 0

Enclosure No.2 to the Division Memorandum No. ____s.2026

COMMITTEES AND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE (TORS)

Division Management Team (DMT)	<i>Chairman:</i> Dr. Joel A. Zartiga <i>Vice Chairman:</i> Dr. Jun-Nilou D. Dulfo Dr. Renato S. Cagomoc <i>Members:</i> Joy B. Saldana Joshua Sherwin T. Lim	
Committee	Name of Members	TORs
Steering Committee	Host Districts Nora G. Capitello, PSDS Calb 1 Alma R. Caber, PSDS Calb 2 Host Schools Luz T. Uy- Principal BIS Christopher Salino- Principal CNHS Host District Science Coordinators Lea L. Jordan (C1) District Dr. Bonifacio P. Pondang (C5)	• Provide strategic guidance and oversight the DSTMF. • Responsible for making high-level decisions, ensuring the activity aligns with the organization's goals. • Monitoring overall progress. • Leads meetings, sets the agenda, and acts as the main point of contact.
Finance Committee	Chairperson: Alma R. Caber, PSDS Calb 2 Luz T. Uy- Principal BIS Nora G. Capitello, PSDS Calb 1 Christopher Salino- Principal CNHS Lea L. Jordan-Principal CES	• Allocates and prepares the budget for food and snacks based on the approved number of participants. • Allocates and prepares the budget for medals, certificates and trophies based on the approved number of participants. • Coordinate with the Food and Refreshment Committee and Program, Certificates and Token committees regarding the number of participants and required meals/snacks.

		• Ensure that the proposed food and snack budget together with the certificates, program, token committees is within the approved activity budget. • Monitor the actual expenses • Ensure that the expenses are properly supported by the required documents.
Registration and Secretariat Committee	Chairperson: Gina O. Mendoza (C2, BIS) Myra L. Sano (C2, BIS) Demetrio M. Bonguet (C2, BIS) Yvette Lumpan (C2, BIS)	• Serves as Information Desk as needed for the whole duration of the activity. • Prepares, collects and compiles all documents <i>1. registration sheets per category</i> <i>2. manuscript (3 copies)</i> <i>2. attendance and other papers from the participants.</i> • Ushers participants going to venue and to their proper seating arrangement. • Checks and corrects (if any) codes assigned per manuscript/presenter • Ensures that materials needed by the Management Team are prepared.
Science Congress	Chairperson: Life Science: Lea L. Jordan Mrs. Josephine Magbutay (C4) Ruel L. Guisijan (C2, BIS) Physical Science: Danilo S. Jadulco (T1) Nicolas B. Tarrayo Jr. (O3) Adrian M. Clemente (C2, BIS) Robotics and Intelligent Machine: Dr. Jaime E. Sagayap Jr. (C5) Dr. Bonifacio P. Pondang (C2) Demetrio M. Bonguet (C2, BIS)	Prepares medals for the winners and token for the 3 judges. • Facilitate the Science congress from start for finish. • Ensures that judges contestants, and observers are in the congress venue. • Ensures that all participants in the room adheres with the house rules. • Facilitates the presenters use of LCD projector or

	Science Innovation Expo: Malvin D. Regulacion (C6) Robirth M. Ornopia (T2) April Rose Ranola (C2, BIS) Mathematics and Computational Science: Dr. Normel John Manuales (O3) Dr. Virginia A. Millares (T1) Jaysam M. Casaljay (C5) Mirasol A. de Veyra (C2, BIS)	gadget(s)/TV for presentation. • Keeps time on task and adheres to the time schedule. • Provides scoresheet and other needed materials to BOJ. • Traffics the flow of the presenters from holding the presentation area. • Helps tabulate the scores of all judges, if needed. • Awards the winners and present the recognition/token to the participants and judges at the end of every category contest. • Secures all scoresheets and manuscripts after congress and submit to the Records and Documentation Committee. • Observe CLAYGO policy (clean as you go).
Logistics, Welfare, and Venue Committee	Chairperson: Ryan P. Orquilla (C2, BIS) Fidel Castro (C2, BIS) Demetrio Bonguet (C2, BIS) Yvette Lumpan (C2, BIS)	• Ensures that contest-proper hall/rooms and holding areas/ rooms are prepared for the activity. • Labels all rooms and areas used for the activity. • Designs and prepares the setup of the congress. • Ensures that all needed facilities such as but not limited to chairs, tables, LCDs, sound system, signages, etc. are available and are functioning well. • Makes arrangement for the room assignment (accommodation) of the judges, management team, TWG, and guests.
Food and Refreshment Committee	Chairperson: Wilmarie Cabatingan (C2, BIS) Jovan C. Calagos (C2, BIS)	• Ensure the timely provision of appropriate

	Fidel Castro (C2, BIS) Demetrio Bonguet (C2, BIS) Yvette Lumpan (C2, BIS)	food and refreshments throughout the activity. • Ensure that the quantity and quality of food are sufficient for the expected number of participants. • Ensure proper handling, storage, distribution, and documentation of food and refreshments. • Monitor compliance with agreed food specifications, serving schedules, and approved budget. • Address food-related concerns and provide appropriate adjustments when necessary.
Program and Documentation Committee	Chairperson: Marciano E. Managaysay Jr. <i>Carayman NHS</i> Members: Margie R. Catalan <i>Carayman NHS</i> Angeila M. Refamonte <i>Carayman NHS</i> Dr. Maileen P. Colitoy <i>Carayman NHS</i>	• Ensures an organized and well-executed program flow • Prints DSTMF 2026 program. • Distributes invitations and letters for the judges. • Document all the contests (photos documentation) • Prepares and submits Activity Completion Report (ACR) at the end of the activity
Awards and Certificates Committee	Chairperson: Jessy T. Ebit <i>Carayman NHS</i> Members: Maridel M. Benecario <i>Carayman NHS</i> Apolonio A. Nabaunag <i>Carayman NHS</i>	• Prints all necessary documents (registration forms per category, certificate of appearance, appreciation for judges, participation for coaches and contestants and recognition for winners, attendance sheets) • Ensure the accuracy, adequacy, and availability of all medals, trophies, and tokens. • Ensures that all certificates are printed out and signed

		• Prepares print copy of the overall presentation of results. • Coordinates closely with the Program Committee regarding the distribution of awards and the needed ushers and usherettes. • Safeguards the unclaimed certificates, medals, and trophies. • Ensures that extra medals, trophies, and tokens are available in case the need for replacement arises. • Ensures that Certificate of Recognition is available and properly distributed to the contest facilitators per category.
Records and Documentation Committee	Chairperson: Roxan T. Carijutan (C2, BIS) Therese Lovelle D. Gaborni <i>Carayman NHS</i> Merian T. So	• Keeps complete records as to name of participants on the results of the contest. • Reviews, tabulates, and consolidates the results for each contest submitted by the board of judges. • Ensures that all results are exactly computed reflecting some deductions, if applicable. • Announces the results of the contests. • Coordinates with Awards Committee for the giving of awards.

CATEGORY/ ACTIVITY	TWG (DIVISION)	TWG (SCHOOL)	VENUE
Opening /Closing Program	Joy B. Saldana Joshua Sherwin T. Lim Nora G. Capetillo (C1) Alma R. Caber (C2)		TBA
Life Science	Dr. Bonifacio P. Pondang (C2) Mrs. Josephine Magbutay (C4)	Ruel L. Guisijan (C2, BIS)	G10 - Citrine
Physical Science	Danilo S. Jadulco (T1) Lea L. Jordan (C1) Normel Galias(T3)	Adrian M. Clemente (C2, BIS)	G7 - Gold
Robotics and Intelligent Machine	Nicolas B. Tarrayo Jr. (O3) Dr. Jaime E. Sagayap Jr. (C5)	Demetrio M. Bonguet (C2, BIS)	G10 - Topaz
Science Innovation Expo	Malvin D. Regulacion (C6) Robirth M. Ornopia (T2)	Rannie B. Albelda (C2, BIS)	G9 - Amber
STEMazing (Secondary)	Benjie A. Beduya (O1) Ma. Rona de los Reyes (O2)	Lea L. Jordan	Carayman Elementary Science
Elementary Mathematics and Computational Science	c/o Joshua Lim Dr. Normel John Manuales (O3) Dr. Virginia A. Millares (T1) Jaysam M. Casaljay(C5)	Mirasol de Veyra (C2, BIS)	G8 - Emerald

EXPECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	
<i>Division Personnel</i>	<i>Number of Pax</i>
SDS/ASDS/Chiefs	4
Science and Math Supervisor	2
District Science Coordinators	12
District Mathematics Coordinators	12
Contest Judges	3 per category 15
Other TWGs	10
TOTAL:	55