



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CALBAYOG CITY

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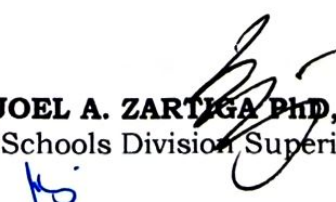
DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 341, s. 2026

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads (Elementary & Secondary)
Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
All Others Concerned

**SUSPENSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DIVISION
MEMORANDUM NO. 291, S. 2026**

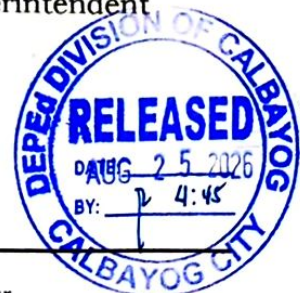
1. In reference to Division Memorandum No. 291, s. 2026 dated July 21, 2026, entitled "Endorsement of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Education and the Integrated Philippine Association of Optometrists, Inc. (IPAO) for the Implementation of the National Vision Screening Program," all concerned are hereby informed that the implementation of the said Memorandum is hereby **SUSPENDED** until further notice.
2. Accordingly, all schools and offices are directed to temporarily defer the conduct of activities and other actions pursuant to the aforementioned Division Memorandum until further guidance is issued by the Schools Division Office.
3. Any subsequent directives or guidelines relative to the resumption and implementation of the National Vision Screening Program shall be communicated through an appropriate issuance.
4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are directed.


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Enclosure: None

Reference: DM No. 291, s. 2026

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Memo Suspension



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July 21, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

NO. 291 s. 2026

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE INTEGRATED PHILIPPINE
ASSOCIATION OF OPTOMETRISTS, INC. (IPAO) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE NATIONAL VISION SCREENING PROGRAM**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
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1. Attached is the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations (OUOPS) Memorandum No. 2026-08392 dated January 20, 2026, entitled "Endorsement of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Education and the Integrated Philippine Association of Optometrists (IPAO), Inc. for the Implementation of the National Vision Screening Program (NVSP)," for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. The memorandum formally endorses the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Integrated Philippine Association of Optometrists (IPAO), Inc. to strengthen the implementation of the National Vision Screening Program through accessible, age-appropriate, and school-based vision screening interventions for learners.
3. In line with this, all public elementary and secondary schools are directed to:
 - a. Coordinate with their respective District Offices and the Schools Division Office on the implementation of vision screening activities.
 - b. Extend full assistance and support to authorized IPAO personnel during the conduct of vision screening activities in schools, subject to existing DepEd policies and regulations.
 - c. Ensure that parents or guardians of learners identified with possible vision problems are properly informed for appropriate referral and management.
 - d. Facilitate the submission of reports and other required documents relative to the implementation of the program.
 - e. Ensure that all activities are conducted in accordance with child protection, data privacy, and other existing DepEd policies.



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4. Schools are reminded that participation in school-based vision screening activities shall not disrupt regular teaching and learning activities and shall be undertaken in close coordination with the Schools Division Office.
5. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


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