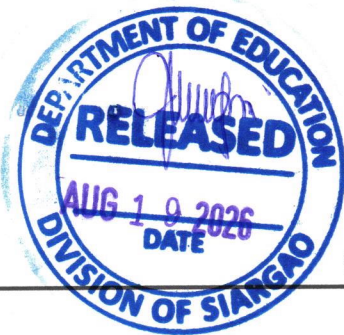




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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 08-237 s. 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, Curriculum Implementation Division and School Governance and
Operation Division
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) School Coordinators
All Others Concerned

2026 DIVISION SEARCH FOR BEST GULAYAN SA PAARALAN
PROGRAM (GPP) IMPLEMENTERS

1. In line with Caraga Regional Memorandum No. 0750, s. 2026 titled "2026 Regional Search for Best Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) Implementers," the Schools Division Office of Siargao announces the conduct of the 2026 Division Search for Best Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) Implementers as part of the selection process for qualified school implementers to be endorsed for the Regional Search.
2. The search aims to recognize schools that have demonstrated exemplary implementation of the **Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP)** and have effectively utilized their school gardens in support of food security, health and nutrition, environmental sustainability, learning, and community participation.
3. All public schools implementing the GPP are encouraged to participate in the Division Search in two Categories and ensure that their submissions comply with the qualifications, criteria, documentary requirements, and other provisions stipulated in Caraga Regional Memorandum. The following are the two categories to be contested;
 - a. Best Elementary School GPP Implementer
 - b. Best Secondary School GPP Implementer
4. The Division Search shall be undertaken with the following activities:
 - a. Participating schools shall prepare and submit to the Division Office their GPP entry and the required supporting documents in accordance with the criteria and documentary requirements prescribed in the abovementioned Regional Memorandum on or before **August 24, 2026**.
 - b. The Division GPP Evaluation Team shall be composed to evaluate the submitted entries based on the prescribed regional criteria and shall conduct validation/ocular inspection on August 26-28, 2026.





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- c. The same team shall identify the best performing GPP implementers who shall qualify for endorsement to the regional search.
- d. The qualified schools are therefore advised to submit their entries to the division office sufficiently to allow adequate time for the division screening, validation, consolidation and endorsement.
5. The division search shall strictly conform with the evaluation criteria, and other technical specifications as stipulated in the regional memorandum.
6. Top three school in each category with highest overall scores shall receive a plaque, cash award, and certificate of recognition. All other schools who participated and submitted their entry shall receive a certificate of recognition and token. Cash awards are as follows.

First Prize	15,000.00
Second Prize	10,000.00
Third Prize	5,000.00

7. To ensure a fair, objective, and transparent evaluation process, a Division Evaluation Team shall be constituted to conduct the search. The team shall be composed of the following identified Division personnel who possess the appropriate knowledge and experience in the GPP implementation and monitoring, viz:

Luzsandra R. Fernandez	Education Program Supervisor- TLE
Relyn D. Raza	Education Program Supervisor-Science
Florangel S. Arcadio	Education Program Supervisor-Math
Catherine B. Landao	Education Program Specialist- DRRM
Aquino D. Garcia	Education Program Specialist- M&E

8. The expenses incurred relative to the conduct of the 2026 Division Search for Best Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) Implementers, including the provision of cash awards, plaque, certificates, tokens and other allowable expenses shall be charged against GPP program support funds (PSF) subject to the availability of funds and existing budgeting, accounting, procurement, and auditing rules and regulations.



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9. For inquiries and clarifications, please coordinate with Pilarita S. Pomoy, RN, Division GPP Focal Person, through pilarita.pomoy001@deped.gov.ph or 09452233059.
10. Immediate and wide dissemination of this directive is desired.


MANUEL O. CABERTE

Schools Division Superintendent

ENCL: As stated

Reference: Regional Memorandum No. 0750, s. 2026

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects

GULAYAN SA PAARALAN PROGRAM (GPP)

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0750 , s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

2026 REGIONAL SEARCH FOR BEST GULAYAN SA PAARALAN PROGRAM
(GPP) IMPLEMENTERS

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) Caraga Region, through the Education Support Services Division - Health and Nutrition Unit (ESSD-HNU), shall conduct the **2026 Regional Search for Best Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) Implementers** on **September 15-24, 2026**.

2. The activity aims to:

- a. **recognize** schools that have demonstrated exemplary performance in implementing the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP);
- b. **identify** best practices and innovative strategies that may be shared with and replicated by the other schools;
- c. **validate** the implementation of the program relative to its objectives.

3. **Participants:** All public elementary, secondary, and integrated schools.

4. **Mechanics and Guidelines:**

a. **Eligibility:** The Regional Search for Best GPP School Implementers is open to all public elementary and secondary schools in DepEd Caraga Region, regardless of whether they are recipients or non-recipients of GPP financial assistance from the DepEd Central Office or partner National Government Agencies (NGAs) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs). Integrated schools may participate in the search and shall compete under the Secondary Category. Each Schools Division Office (SDO) may nominate one school per category.

b. **Categories:**

- i. Best Elementary School GPP Implementer
- ii. Best Secondary School GPP Implementer

c. **Awards:** Top three schools in each category with the highest overall scores shall receive a plaque, cash award, token, and a certificate of recognition. All other finalists shall receive a certificate of recognition and token. Cash awards are as follows:



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First Prize	P15,000.00
Second Prize	P10,000.00
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d. **Submission and Deadline:** Each SDO shall submit one nomination per category on or before 5:00 p.m. on September 4, 2026, through email at melodylouwillaplaza.deped.gov@gmail.com. Late submissions shall not be accepted.

e. **Means of verification (MOVs):** as prescribed in the enclosed criteria, shall be submitted and be presented during the onsite validation. Only the MOVs submitted online shall be considered during the validation. No additional documents, evidence, or MOVs shall be accepted during the onsite validation.

f. **Declaration of Winners:** The school that obtains the highest overall score in each category shall be declared as the 2026 Regional Winners for Best GPP Implementers.

5. The Criteria for Evaluation are found in the enclosure. The schedule and itinerary for the onsite visit shall be followed.

6. **Administrative Arrangements:**

- Accommodation and meals** during the onsite validation shall be charged against the respective SDOs to be visited, based on the approved itinerary.
- The awarding ceremony** shall be held during the **2026 Pahinungod sa Kabulig**. The exact date will be announced once it has been finalized.

7. **Regional Search Committee (RSC) and Facilitators.**

a. The RSC members:

Chairman	Department of Agriculture - High Value Crop Development Program (DA-HVCDP) Representative
Vice-Chairman	Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) Representative
Member	Caraga State University – College of Agriculture and Agri-Industries (CSU-CAA) Representative



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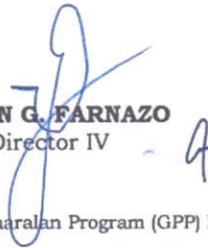
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b. Regional Facilitators:

Name	Station/Office
Edmund D. Mendoza, PhD	RO-ESSD
Jumer C. Carlon, MD	RO-ESSD
Rena Grace G. Tul-id	RO-ESSD
Melody Lou B. Villaplaza	RO-ESSD

8. **Contact Information:** For inquiries, please contact **Ms. Melody Lou B. Villaplaza**, SBFP Technical Assistant, Education Support Service Division, at melodylouvillaplaza.deped.gov@gmail.com or 09705364602.

9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Director IV

MLBV/ESSD/RM- 2026 Regional Search for Best Gulayan Sa Paaralan Program (GPP) Implementers
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Enclosure to Regional Memorandum No.0750, s. 2026)

**2026 REGIONAL SEARCH FOR BEST GPP IMPLEMENTER
CRITERIA**

Name of School:
Principal:
Name of School GPP Coordinator:
Date of Evaluation:

CRITERIA	WEIGHT	ACTUAL POINTS
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION		
1. Most varied (<i>Varieties of vegetables planted</i>)	(10)	
1.a. 1-10 varieties	2	
1.b. 11-20	4	
1.c. 21-30	6	
1.d. more than 30 varieties	10	
2. Most productive	(10)	
2.1 using organic inputs or bio-intensive gardening		
2.1.a. for soil fertility	(3)	
- 0-2 methods	1	
- 3 or more methods	3	
2.1.b. for pest management	(3)	
- 0-2 methods	1	
- 3 or more methods	3	
2.2 Vegetable products	(4)	
2.2.a. 50% of vegetables have products	1	
2.2.b. 70% of vegetables have products	2	
2.2.c. 80% and above have products	4	
3. Most wide (<i>School area planted with vegetables, estimated area if with hanging plants</i>)	(5)	
3.1. Below 200sqm	1	
3.2. 251-300sqm	2	
3.3. 301-350sqm	3	
3.4. 351 sqm and above	5	
4. Most sustained	(10)	
Sustainability based on:		
- calendar of planting vegetables	2	
- reports of harvest	2	
-eco-friendly considering the 3R's principle of reduce, reuse, recycle	2	
-school narrative report	2	
-all year round productive	2	



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5. Most shared	(10)	
Sharing of garden yields/proceeds based on records for:		
5.1 Supplementary Feeding	(4)	
5.1.a. less than 40%	2	
5.1.b. more than 40%	4	
5.2 Pupils'/Volunteers' Share	(3)	
5.2.a. less than 20%	1	
5.2.b. more than 20%	3	
5.3 Maintenance of Food Production Project	(3)	
5.3.a. less than 40%	1	
5.3.b. more than 40%	3	
PROJECT MANAGEMENT		
1. Functional School/District-Municipal	(5)	
Technical Working Committee on Gulayan sa Paaralan as to:		
-School Memo for the creation of members		
-Frequency of TWG meetings as seen in logbook		
-Action Plan for GPP SY 2026-2027		
2. Community Involvement	(5)	
# of household garden replicated (random sampling)		
1-2	1	
3-4	2	
5-6	3	
7-9	4	
10 and above	5	
3. Activities/Plans of GPP Included in SIP	(5)	
4. Advocacy Campaign	(10)	
4.1. Availability of nutritional dimensions of food production and related messages in posters, bulletin boards, etc.	4	
4.2. Integration in the lessons (based on the lesson plan of teachers)	6	
5. Seed banks	(5)	
5.1. Establishment of seedbanks	2	
5.2. Variety of seedlings	(3)	
5.2.a. below 5	1	
5.2.b. 6-10	2	
5.2.c. 11-15	3	
6. Nursery	(5)	
6.1. Presence of nursery	3	
6.2. Area with seed production	(2)	
6.2.a. below 10sqm	1	
6.2.b. more than 10sqm	2	
7. Garden Tools	(5)	
7.a. less than 7 kinds of garden tools	3	
7.b. more than 7 kinds of garden tools	5	





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8. Garden fence & signages/placards	(5)	
8.a. All areas with fence and signages	5	
9. Educational relevance	(10)	
9.1 Use of garden to enhance learning experience	(5)	
9.1.a. Students involvement	3	
9.1.b. Adoption of technology by students	2	
9.2 Use as laboratory to teach basic concepts	(5)	
9.2.a Number of visitors who visited the garden	2	
9.2.b Use of school garden by teachers for learning opportunities	3	
TOTAL POINTS	(100)	
Plus factors (1 point each) • Production of indigenous vegetables • Proof of transfer of technology in community • Proof of supplying seeds to other schools • Other good practices (Please identify and provide MOV)		
NAME AND SIGNATURE OF EVALUATOR		
Date:		

