



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

REGION IV- A CALABARZON
CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

17 April 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 263 s. 2026

2026 NATIONAL SOLO PARENTS WEEK AND NATIONAL SOLO PARENTS DAY

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
Heads, Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

1. In adherence to **Republic Act No. 11861 – Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act**, as reiterated in **DepEd Memorandum No. 026, s. 2026 – 2026 National Solo Parents Week and National Solo Parents Day**, the government is committed to promoting and protecting the rights and welfare of solo parents by providing appropriate support mechanisms, benefits and social services.
2. In accordance with the said law, the **third week of April** is declared as the **National Solo Parents Week (NSPW)**, while the **third Saturday of April** is declared as **National Solo Parents Day (NSPD)**.
3. In observance of the **2026 National Solo Parents Week (NSPW) and National Solo Parents Day (NSPD)**, with the theme, **Hindi Ka Nag -iisa sa Iyong Pag -iisa: Yakap at Kalinga para sa Solo Parent**, this memorandum is issued to enjoin all schools in the division to support the national observance and reaffirm the department's commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive and supportive work environment for solo parent employees.
4. To truly embody the spirit of **Yakap and Kalinga**, all heads of offices and school heads are directed to ensure a workplace environment that is free from discrimination and responsive to the needs of solo parents. Where practicable and subject to existing rules and operational requirements, flexible work arrangements, including telecommuting and flexible work schedules, may be extended to qualified solo parent employees.
5. During the observance of the 2026 NSPW and NSPD, all schools including private basic education institutions are encouraged to undertake appropriate activities including orientation on the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare and other initiatives aligned with the objectives of the national celebration, subject to existing guidelines.
6. Schools shall submit the accomplishment report related to the conduct of activities through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/NATL-SOLO-PARENTS-WEEK-2026> until **April 24, 2026**.




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7. All expenses incurred related to the conduct of the 2026 NSPW and NSPD may be charged against the respective offices' Gender and Development (GAD) Budget, subject to existing budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations and may be included in their respective GAD Accomplishment Reports.
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

For:

CELEDONIO B. BALDERAS JR.
Schools Division Superintendent

By:


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Officer-in-Charge

Encl.: As stated

References: Republic Act No. 11861

DepEd Memorandum No. 026, s. 2026

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2026 NATIONAL SOLO PARENTS WEEK AND NATIONAL SOLO PARENTS DAY

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Attached Agencies
All Others Concerned

1. The State is mandated to promote a just and dynamic social order and to provide adequate social services to improve the quality of life of its citizens. Pursuant to **Republic Act No. 11861**, otherwise known as the **Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act**, the government is committed to promoting and protecting the rights and welfare of solo parents by providing appropriate support mechanisms, benefits, and social services.
2. In accordance with the said law, **the third week of April is declared as the National Solo Parents Week (NSPW)**, while the **third Saturday of April is declared as National Solo Parents Day (NSPD)**.
3. In observance of the **2026 National Solo Parents Week and National Solo Parents Day**, with the theme, ***Hindi ka Nag-iisa sa Iyong Pag-iisa: Yakap at Kalinga para sa Solo Parent***, this Memorandum is issued to enjoin all Department of Education (DepEd) offices to support the national observance and reaffirm the Department's commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive work environment for solo parent employees.
4. To truly embody the spirit of ***Yakap at Kalinga***, all heads of offices and school heads are directed to ensure a workplace environment that is free from discrimination and responsive to the needs of solo parents. Where practicable and subject to existing rules and operational requirements, flexible work arrangements, including telecommuting and flexible work schedules, may be extended to qualified solo parent employees.
5. Consistent with the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act and Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 08, s. 2004 (Guidelines on the Grant of Parental Leave to Solo Parents), eligible solo parent employees shall continue to avail of the **parental leave of not more than seven working days with pay** annually, in addition to other benefits prescribed by law. These benefits are intended to help solo parents in effectively performing their parental responsibilities, particularly in attending to the medical, educational, and developmental needs of their children when their presence is necessary or beneficial.

6. During the observance of the 2026 NSPW and NSPD, all DepEd offices are encouraged to undertake appropriate activities and interventions, including orientations on the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act and other initiatives aligned with the objectives of the national celebration, subject to existing guidelines.

7. All expenses incurred related to the conduct of the 2026 NSPW and NSPD may be charged against the respective offices' Gender and Development (GAD) Budget, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations. The same may be included in their respective GAD Accomplishment Reports.

8. Private basic education institutions are likewise encouraged to participate in the observance of the 2026 NSPW and NSPD to support advocacy for solo parents' welfare.

9. For further information, inquiries may be directed to the **DepEd National Gender and Development Focal Point System Secretariat, Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development-Employee Welfare Division**, 4th Floor, Mabini Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, through email at gfps.secretariat@deped.gov.ph or through telephone number (02) 8633-7229.

10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

By the Authority of the Secretary



WILFREDO E. CABRAL

Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development and Infrastructure

Reference:

None

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