



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION IV- A CALABARZON
CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 494 s. 2026

**CELEBRATION OF THE 48TH NATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS WEEK
(NDRW) 2026**

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

1. In line with **Proclamation No. 597, s. 2024**, declaring **July 17–23 of every year as National Disability Rights Week (NDRW)**, this Office announces the celebration of the **48th National Disability Rights Week (NDRW) 2026** from **July 17–23, 2026**, with the theme, **"Rights First, Legislation Forward – Strategic Action for Equal Participation and Inclusive Development."**
2. The celebration aims to:
 - a. promote awareness and understanding of the rights of persons with disabilities (PWDs);
 - b. strengthen advocacy for inclusive, equitable, and accessible education;
 - c. recognize the talents, abilities, and achievements of learners with disabilities; and
 - d. foster collaboration among schools, parents, local government units, and community stakeholders in advancing inclusive education.
3. The following activities shall be conducted during the week-long celebration:

Date	Time	Activity	Venue
July 17, 2026	1:00 – 5:00 PM	Opening Program and Parent-Child Cooking Challenge: <i>"Lasa ng Pagmamahal, Sangkap ang Kakayahan"</i>	Tayabas East Central School
July 20-21, 2026	1:00 – 5:00 PM	School-Based Inclusive Education Advocacy Activities	Respective schools
July 22, 2026	1:00 – 5:00 PM	Bocce Tournament	Calumpang Integrated School
July 23, 2026	1:00 – 5:00 PM	Stakeholder's Summit and Closing Program	Tayabas East Central School

4. Participants include learners with disabilities, parents and guardians, SNED teachers, school heads, selected Schools Division Office personnel, LGU officials, partner stakeholders, and community representatives.
5. All public elementary and secondary schools are encouraged to conduct school-based activities that promote disability inclusion, respect for diversity, equal opportunities, and the rights of learners with disabilities, consistent with the theme of the celebration.
6. Schools shall ensure that all activities are conducted in accordance with the DepEd policy on the protection of instructional time. Activities shall not disrupt instructional blocks or regular class schedules and should, whenever practicable, be integrated into classroom instruction or conducted during non-instructional periods.
7. Expenses relative to the conduct of the division and school-based activities shall be charged against available MOOE fund, local funds, or other available sources, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: None

Reference: Proclamation No. 597, s. 2024

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