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Department of Education
REGION VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

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MEMORANDUM

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TO:

Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, SGOD
Chief, CID
Public Elementary School Heads
School Feeding Coordinators
District Nurses
All Others Concerned

Reiteration of DepEd Instructions on the Implementation of the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) for FY 2026, Early Conduct of Nutritional Assessment, and Adoption of Hot Meals Feeding Modality

1. Attached for reference is the DepEd Memorandum *OM-UGOPS-2026-08-00009* titled "Instructions No. 1 for the Implementation of the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) for FY 2026" issued by the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations.

The said issuance provides guidance on the operational and reporting requirements for the effective implementation of SBFP for School Year 2026–2027, including timelines for preparatory activities, procurement, and program implementation

2. In line with the prescribed implementation timeline, all schools are **hereby directed to prioritize and conduct the nutritional assessment (weighing and height measurement) of learners starting May 2026 during the enrollment period until before the opening of classes in June 2026.**

This activity is critical to:

- a. Identify **wasted and severely wasted learners** who will be beneficiaries of the SBFP
- b. Ensure **accurate targeting and validation of recipients**



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- c. Facilitate timely preparation of **feeding plans, menus, and procurement requirements**
 - d. Support the scheduled **start of feeding activities by June 2026**
3. All schools shall:
- a. conduct anthropometric measurements (weight and height) of learners following standard procedures;
 - b. prioritize Grades 2 to 6, with other grade levels to follow, as necessary;
 - c. ensure accuracy and proper recording of data for BMI-for-age computation;
 - d. prepare and submit the validated list of beneficiaries to the Schools Division Office through the District Nurses;
 - e. coordinate with Local Government Units (LGUs) and health personnel for technical and logistical support, when necessary.
4. In accordance with the same DepEd Memorandum, schools are **encouraged to implement hot meals feeding** as the primary modality, in combination with **DepEd-approved Nutritious Food Products (NFPs)**.

The provision of hot meals, in combination with the DepEd-approved NFPs aims to:

- Ensure delivery of **freshly prepared and nutritionally adequate meals**
- Improve acceptability and consumption among learners
- Support better nutritional outcomes

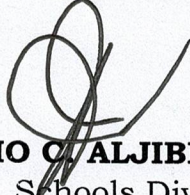

Schools shall ensure that implementation of hot meals and NFPs complies with **nutrition standards, food safety protocols, and operational feasibility**.

5. All schools are hereby directed to submit the validated masterlist of SBFP beneficiaries on or before June 10, 2026, to the Schools Division Office through the SGOD-School Health Section. Late submission may affect the timely preparation and implementation of the feeding program.



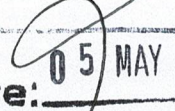
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6. All Public Schools District Supervisors and School Heads are hereby directed to **ensure strict compliance** with this directive to avoid delays in the implementation of the School-Based Feeding Program.
7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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