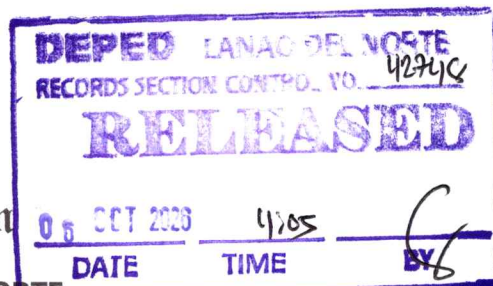




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REGION X
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF LANA DEL NORTE



October 5, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. SS1 s. 2026

TO: Public Schools District Supervisors/Coordinating School Principals
Public Secondary School Heads
Public Elementary School Heads
District LR Lead Administrators
LR Personnel
All Others Concerned

**TEMPORARY DEFERRAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
BATANG MAKABANSA PROGRAM FOR GRADE 1
CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION**

1. Pursuant to DM-OULS-2026-407 regarding the Batang Makabansa Grade 1 textbook procured by select regions, the field is hereby informed of the temporary suspension and deferral of the implementation of Batang Makabansa for Grade 1, particularly the discussion found on page 60 under the lesson entitled "*Pagtanggap sa Sariling Indibidwalidad.*"

2. For reference, the details of the said textbook are as follows:

Title of TX and TM	Batang Makabansa
Grade Level	1
ISBN	978-971-713-439-0
Name of publisher	Dane Publishing House, Inc.
Name of printer	Edusources Publishing, Inc.

3. All schools are advised to defer the implementation of the aforementioned lesson and related instructional activities until further notice. This temporary measure shall remain in effect pending the provision of appropriate guidance and orientation to ensure that instruction is delivered in a manner that is age-appropriate, developmentally appropriate, and aligned with established pedagogical standards.

4. Attached is the copy of DM- OULS- 2026- 407 for reference.
5. For your guidance and and strict compliance.

EDWIN R. MARIBOJOC EdD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

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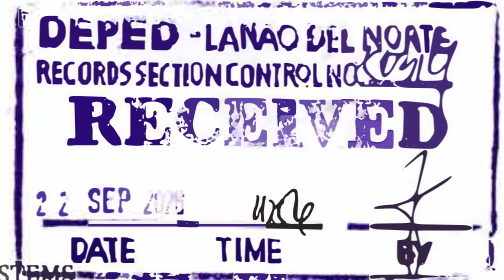
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DM-OULS-2026-407

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FROM


CARMELA C. ORACION

Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT

**MAKABANSA GRADE 1 TEXTBOOK PROCURED BY
SELECT REGIONS**

DATE

September 21, 2026

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Name of printer:	Eduresources Publishing, Inc.

During the hearing of the Committee on Appropriations held on September 7, 2026, concerns were raised regarding certain content in *Batang Makabansa Grade 1*, particularly the discussion found page 60 under the lesson *Pagtanggap sa Sariling Indibidwalidad*.

In view of the concerns raised, the teaching of the specific learning competency covered in the said lesson is hereby temporarily suspended. Schools are advised to defer its classroom implementation until appropriate orientation and guidance have been provided to ensure its delivery is consistent with age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate pedagogical approaches.

To provide further guidance on this matter, this Office shall convene an online meeting with the Chiefs of the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) on September 23, 2026 (Wednesday) at 10:30 A.M. The meeting details shall be communicated through a separate advisory.

For guidance and strict compliance.

Copy furnished:

*Office of the Director, Bureau of Curriculum Development
Office of the Director, Bureau of Learning Delivery
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