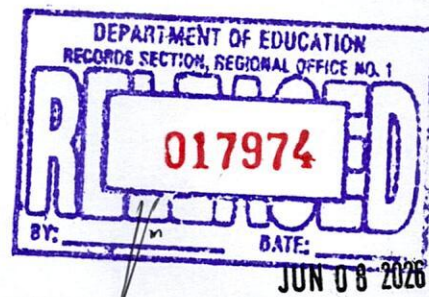




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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 694, s. 2026

FINAL EXTENSION AND SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT FOR REMAINING UNSERVED SCHOOLS

To : **All Schools Division Superintendents**

1. This refers to the Joint Memorandum dated May 19, 2026, titled Final Validation of School Internet Connectivity Data and OASICT-MEM-052726-T3-1, titled Final Extension and Supplemental Support for Remaining Unserved Schools.
2. The DepEd Central Office has prepared an online spreadsheet containing school-level connectivity records validated by Schools Division Offices.
3. All Schools Division Offices with validated Unserved schools are hereby requested to submit a formal request for supplemental support funds to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Information and Communications Technology. The letter request shall be signed by the Schools Division Superintendents (SDSs).
4. The prescribed letter request template is provided in the attached Memorandum.
5. The duly signed letter request shall be submitted on or before **June 4, 2026** through the following link:

<https://bit.ly/2026REQUESTFORPSFSCHOOLCONNECTIVITY>

6. For further guidance please refer to the attached Memorandum, which contains additional details.



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7. For strict and immediate compliance.

For the Regional Director


ATTY. ROSEMARIE M. WAILAN
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Reference: Joint Memorandum

Encl.: Memorandum

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JOINT MEMORANDUM

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
REGIONAL AND DIVISION IT OFFICERS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : **WILFREDO E. CABRAL**
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Undersecretary for Operations

ATTY. MARCELINO G. VELOSO III
Assistant Secretary for Information and Communications
Technology

SUBJECT : **FINAL VALIDATION OF SCHOOL INTERNET CONNECTIVITY
DATA**

DATE : 19 May 2026

In an effort to provide connectivity in all public schools within the country, the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) launched several projects together and separately: the DepEd LEO (Low Earth Orbit) x Solar Project, the DICT Provision of Internet Access via Low Earth Orbit Satellites (PIALEOS) Project, and the DepEd-DICT e-Learning Connectivity initiative.

Pursuant to these Projects, DepEd conducted several rounds of validation of school Internet connectivity data within the past ten (10) months. This series of validation produced important planning inputs, including prior certifications by Regional Directors (RD) without Internet connectivity, which served as basis for deployment or ongoing deployment under the different Projects.

However, the persistence of conflicting records across InsightEd, the DepEd Computerization Program (DCP) Portal, prior submissions, project records, and school-level reports show that prior certifications and existing records cannot be relied upon without conducting another round of reconciliation. Further, recent informal Information Technology Officer (ITO)-level validation conducted from May 14 to 18, 2026 indicates that several schools previously treated as connected,

particularly those outside existing project allocations, may in fact remain unconnected or inadequately served.

Accordingly, this final validation shall establish a single certified school-level Internet connectivity baseline as of May 18, 2026. The baseline shall reconcile all available data, including prior certifications, current records, school-level confirmations, available Division and Regional records, project allocation lists, and actual or ongoing deployments under existing connectivity interventions.

For this purpose, the Central Office has prepared an online spreadsheet containing school-level connectivity records by Region and Division, accessible at: tinyurl.com/schoolinternetdatavalidation.

The spreadsheet contains two (2) datasets:

1. Identified schools with inconsistent Internet connectivity responses that require validation and reconciliation; and
2. Identified schools with consistent Internet connectivity responses that must be reviewed and properly labeled in the Remarks column if there are status changes.

Only the following status categories shall be used as values under the CONFIRMATION column of the online spreadsheet linked above:

Status	Definition
Connected	The school has functional Internet connectivity as of May 18, 2026, from any source. The service is usable for both administrative and instructional purposes at least one (1) school level. For this baseline activity, connectivity in at least one (1) elementary, junior high school, or senior high school level/component shall classify the school as Connected.
Underserved	The school has Internet connectivity as of May 18, 2026, but the service is inadequate for regular use because it is intermittent, unreliable, too slow, limited in coverage, or usable only for administrative or instructional purposes but not both.
Unservd	The school has no functional Internet connectivity in any school level as of May 18, 2026, and is not covered by any confirmed deployment, installation, or activation expected to be completed by June 2026.

The validation shall be treated as a whole-of-office responsibility. It shall not be delegated solely to the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Unit, Planning Unit, or any single focal person. The Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) shall ensure coordination among the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent (ASDS), ICT Unit, Planning Unit, Supply and Property Unit, concerned program focal persons, school heads, and other personnel with relevant information.

The SDS shall certify the final Internet connectivity status of all schools under the Division.

The RD shall certify that the Region has reviewed, consolidated, and endorsed the certified Division submissions, and that the consolidated regional submission reflects the final school-level Internet connectivity baseline for the Region as of May 18, 2026, based on SDO certifications and available Regional records.

The certification templates for the SDS and RD are attached as Annexes A and B herein and may be accessed and downloaded from the prescribed Google Drive folder. The signed certifications shall be submitted on or before May 22, 2026 through the prescribed Google Drive folder for the Region: tinyurl.com/2026CONNECTDATAVALIDATIONCERT. The following guidelines shall be followed for the submissions:

1. The following filename convention shall be used: **YYYY-MM-DD-Name-Connectivity.pdf**
2. Examples:
2026-05-21-CAR-Connectivity.pdf
2026-05-20-City of Baguio-Connectivity.pdf
3. The certified submissions shall be used as the official school-level connectivity baseline for planning, project allocation, procurement, inter-agency coordination, implementation monitoring, and management reporting.
4. Any correction after submission shall require a written explanation and resubmission through the Regional Office. Where the discrepancy resulted from failure to verify available information, failure to coordinate among concerned offices, reliance on outdated records, reckless certification, concealment, or deliberate misrepresentation, the matter may be referred for fact-finding and appropriate administrative action, subject to applicable rules and due process.

Strict compliance is directed.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the consolidated regional school-level Internet connectivity master list made available through the following read-only URL: tinyurl.com/schoolinternetdatavalidation has been reviewed, consolidated, and endorsed by the Regional Office of [insert Region], based on the certified submissions of its Schools Division Offices and the best available Regional Office records as of May 18, 2026.

The undersigned certifies that the entries in the said consolidated regional masterlist for all schools under the Region are correct, complete, and accurate as of the cut-off date. The masterlist covers both schools with previously inconsistent Internet connectivity responses requiring validation and schools with previously consistent responses that were reviewed and, where applicable, updated or labeled in the Remarks column. The masterlist reflects the final Internet connectivity status of every school in the Region, whether classified as Connected, Underserved, or Unserved.

The undersigned further certifies that, as of May 18, 2026, the consolidated regional master list constitutes the final and complete list of schools in the Region that are classified as **Unserved**, meaning schools with no functional Internet connectivity in any school level or component and not covered by any confirmed connectivity deployment, installation, or activation expected to be completed by June 2026.

This certification is issued after the Regional Office reviewed the completeness and consistency of the certified Division submissions and reconciled the same, as applicable, with available regional records, prior regional certifications, project allocation lists, and actual or ongoing deployments under existing connectivity interventions.

Any request for correction, modification, or revision after certification shall require the Regional Director to submit a written explanation or Notice to Explain, stating the basis for the requested correction, the reason the discrepancy was not identified before certification, and the validation measures previously undertaken.

The undersigned understands that material inaccuracies in the certified regional master list, where the correct information was reasonably knowable or available at the time of certification, may be treated as failure to exercise due diligence and may be referred for fact-finding and appropriate administrative action under applicable rules.

Certified by:

[Name of Regional Director]
Regional Director
Regional Office [insert Region]

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the final school-level Internet connectivity master list made available through the following read-only URL: tinyurl.com/schoolinternetdatavalidation has been reviewed, reconciled, and validated by the Schools Division Office of [insert Division], based on the best available information as of May 18, 2026.

The undersigned certifies that the entries in the said masterlist for all schools under this Division are correct, complete, and accurate as of the cut-off date. The masterlist covers both schools with previously inconsistent Internet connectivity responses requiring validation and schools with previously consistent responses that were reviewed and, where applicable, updated or labeled in the Remarks column. The masterlist reflects the final Internet connectivity status of every school under the Division, whether classified as Connected, Underserved, or Unserved.

The undersigned further certifies that, as of May 18, 2026, the master list constitutes the final and complete list of schools under this Division that are classified as **Unserved**, meaning schools with no functional Internet connectivity in any school level or component and not covered by any confirmed connectivity deployment, installation, or activation expected to be completed by June 2026.

This certification is issued after a whole-of-office validation process involving or consulting, as applicable, the Office of the Schools Division Superintendent, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent, ICT Unit, Planning Unit, Supply and Property Unit, concerned program focal persons, school heads, and other personnel with relevant information.

Any request for correction, modification, or revision after certification shall require the Schools Division Superintendent to submit a written explanation or Notice to Explain, stating the basis for the requested correction, the reason the discrepancy was not identified before certification, and the validation measures previously undertaken.

The undersigned understands that material inaccuracies in the certified master list, where the correct information was reasonably knowable or available at the time of certification, may be treated as failure to exercise due diligence and may be referred for fact-finding and appropriate administrative action under applicable rules.

Certified by:

[Name of Schools Division Superintendent]
Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division Office of [insert Division]




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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

MEMORANDUM

OASICT-MEM-052726-T3-1

TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
REGIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICERS
DIVISION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICERS

FROM : ~~ATTY. MARCELINO G. VELOSO III~~
Assistant Secretary 

SUBJECT : Final Extension and Supplemental Support for Remaining Unserved Schools

DATE : 29 May 2026

1. This refers to the Joint Memorandum dated 19 May 2026, entitled "Final Validation of School Internet Connectivity Data", attached as Annex A.
2. In view of requests from field offices, the deadline for final validation and certification is extended until **31 May 2026**, final and non-extendible. The final validated submissions shall supersede all previous 2026 connectivity certifications, validation lists, online school submissions, and similar reports, insofar as the identification of Unserved schools is concerned.
3. For purposes of this Memorandum, Unserved schools refer to schools with no functional Internet connectivity in any school level as of 31 May 2026, and which are not covered by any confirmed deployment, installation, activation, or existing/pending project allocation expected to provide connectivity by June 2026.
4. Schools Division Offices with validated **Unserved schools shall submit, on or before 4 June 2026**, a formal request for supplemental support funds to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Information and Communications Technology.
 - 4.1. The request shall be signed by the Schools Division Superintendent, supported by the Regional Director certification, and shall state that (a) the listed schools constitute the remaining Unserved schools within the Division; (b) upon

completion of the supplemental initiative, all schools within the Division shall have basic functional Internet connectivity.

5. For planning and fund allocation, the following parameters shall apply:

Category	Coverage	Cost Basis	Implementation Target
A	Schools with available terrestrial ISP or local provider options	Lower of actual local rate or Php 60,000 per school per year, plus up to Php 5,000 one-time installation cost	<i>Procurement and installation within June 2026, to the extent practicable</i>
B	Schools requiring wireless, fixed wireless, or similar local connectivity options	Lower of actual local rate or Php 60,000 per school per year, plus up to Php 5,000 one-time installation cost	<i>Procurement and installation within June 2026, to the extent practicable</i>
C	Schools requiring satellite and/or off-grid connectivity support	Based on market scoping or applicable cost parameters	<i>Best efforts to undertake procurement within June 2026, subject to technical feasibility and provider availability</i>

6. The support is intended to provide basic functional Internet connectivity to the remaining Unserved schools. Final amounts, fund release, downloading, utilization, procurement, and implementation shall be subject to fund availability, technical validation, procurement results, and applicable budgeting, accounting, procurement, disbursement, and auditing rules.

7. Each request shall include:

- 7.1. Updated list of validated Unserved schools;
- 7.2. Regional Director certification;
- 7.3. Summary computation of estimated funding requirement;
- 7.4. Available validation documents, ISP quotations, market scoping notes, or equivalent supporting documents; and

- 7.5. Accomplished request letter using the template in Annex B.
- 8. Regional Directors shall ensure that Schools Division Office submissions are complete, accurate, and consistent with the final validated regional masterlist.
- 9. For information, guidance, and strict compliance.

Joint Memorandum dated 19 May 2026 with the subject "Final Validation of School Internet Connectivity Data"

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FOR : **ATTY. MARCELINO G. VELOSO III**
Assistant Secretary
Information and Communications Technology

FROM : 
GILBERT D. MANUCDUC, CpE
Information Technology Officer III
Chief, ICTS- Technology Infrastructure Division

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM ON
THE EXTENSION OF FINAL VALIDATION ACTIVITY**

DATE : 22 May 2026

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This is to respectfully request the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Information and Communications Technology Service (OASICT) to issue an official memorandum regarding the extension of the ongoing Final Validation of School Internet Connectivity Data until May 31, 2026.

2. Background and Justification

- 2.1. During the recently conducted coordination meeting with the Regional Information Technology Officers (RITOs) and selected Division Information Technology Officers (DITOs), the ITOs raised the need for additional time to ensure the accuracy, completeness, and integrity of the submitted connectivity data.
- 2.2. Recognizing the technical challenges and the importance of precise baseline data for future ICT interventions, Assistant Secretary Atty. Marcelino R. Veloso III favorably granted the request for an extension during the meeting, which was held on May 21, 2026.

3. Action Requested

- 3.1. To formally communicate this adjustment to the field and ensure uniform compliance across all regions and divisions, we respectfully request the official issuance and dissemination of the corresponding memorandum.

4. Thank you.



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ATTY. MARCELINO G. VELOSO III

Assistant Secretary
 Information and Communications Technology
 Department of Education Central Office

Through: **ENGR. FRANZ JOSEPH D. LIBAO, PECE**
 Director IV
 Information and Communications Technology Service

Subject: **Request for Support Funds for Identified Unserved Schools for Internet Connectivity Provision**

Dear **Sir**:

This refers to the final validation of public school internet connectivity and the identification of unserved schools, or schools that remain without functional internet access.

Based on the latest validation of this Division, as certified by the Regional Director, [number] schools remain unserved as of May 31, 2026 and have no existing or pending allocation under Central Office connectivity initiatives. This submission amends all previous 2026 connectivity certifications, validation lists, school submissions through online platforms, and similar reports issued or submitted by this Division. The attached list shall serve as the updated basis for supplemental connectivity support.

For planning purposes, the schools are grouped as follows:

Category	Description	No. of Schools	Implementation Target	Estimated Requirement
A	Schools with available terrestrial ISP or local service provider options	[number]	Procurement and installation within June 2026, to the extent practicable	Php [amount]

Category	Description	No. of Schools	Implementation Target	Estimated Requirement
B	Schools requiring wireless, fixed wireless, or similar local connectivity options	[number]	Procurement and installation within June 2026, to the extent practicable	Php [amount]
C	Schools requiring satellite and/or off-grid connectivity support	[number]	Best efforts to undertake procurement within June 2026, subject to technical feasibility and provider availability	Php [amount]
Total		[total]		Php [amount]

The estimates are based on Division validation results and available local market information. Upon completion, all schools within the Division shall have basic functional internet connectivity.

Attached are the following:

1. Updated list of validated unserved schools;
2. Regional Director certification;
3. Summary computation of estimated funding requirement; and
4. Available validation or market scoping documents.

In view of the foregoing, this Office respectfully requests the favorable consideration of this supplemental funding request.

Respectfully yours,

[Name]
 Schools Division Superintendent
 Schools Division Office of [Division]