



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
 REGION I



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
 No. 719, s. 2026

**2026 PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
 EDUCATION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
 Regional Chiefs of Functional Divisions  
 All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) continues to uphold its mandate as a gender-responsive, inclusive, and non-discriminatory institution, where no one is left behind. This commitment is affirmed through the issuance of DepEd Order No. 032, s. 2017 or the *Gender-Responsive Basic Education (GRBE) Policy*, which mandates the annual celebration of the Pride Month every June in recognition of the LGBTQIA+ community.
2. Likewise, DepEd Order No. 25, s. 2025 titled “*Policy on the Implementation of Reproductive Health Education for Adolescent Learners in Basic Education*,” reaffirms the Department’s commitment to providing age-and developmentally-appropriate reproductive health education to adolescent learners, and to promoting responsible behaviors and values related to reproductive health.
3. In view of the foregoing, the Department, through the Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development-Employee Welfare Division (BHROD-EWD), in its capacity as the National Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS) Secretariat, spearheads the celebration of this year’s Pride Month with the theme “**DepEd’s Pride: Where Every Identity Belongs**” through a series of activities throughout the month of June.
4. In this regard, this Office encourages the GFPS members of the Schools Division Offices and GAD focal persons of the Functional Divisions of the Regional Office to attend the series of webinar sessions livestreamed via the DepEd National GFPS Secretariat Facebook Page (see Annex A for the schedule of activities).
5. The conduct of these activities aims to recognize individual differences, promote inclusivity and equality within the DepEd community, and celebrate the contribution of the members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Moreover, it seeks to address the stigma related to *Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)* by raising awareness on reproductive health education and HIV and AIDS prevention.



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6. All expenses incurred in relation to the observance of the 2026 Pride Month Celebration may be charged against the respective office's Gender and Development (GAD) Budget, following existing procurement, accounting, auditing, and financial regulations. Likewise, the same may be included in their respective GAD Accomplishment Report.

7. For further questions and clarifications, please contact **Ms. Ma. Ann Botardo** of the National GFPS Secretariat via email at [gfps.secretariat@deped.gov.ph](mailto:gfps.secretariat@deped.gov.ph) or through Viber number +639208385793.

8. For information and guidance.

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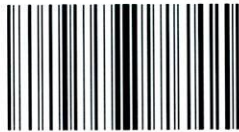
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## Department of Education

OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY

HUMAN RESOURCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### ANNEX A

#### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2026 PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATION

Theme: *“DepEd’s Pride: Where Every Identity Belongs”*

PRIDE PODCAST	
ACTIVITY	VENUE/PLATFORM
<b>PODCAST 1:</b> This is what Pride Looks Like	DepEd National GFPS Secretariat Facebook Page
<b>PODCAST 2:</b> Inclusivity in the Context of Basic Education	DepEd National GFPS Secretariat Facebook Page

JUNE 11, 2026 – WEBINAR SESSION ON SOGIESC & INTERSEX <i>Livestream through the DepEd National GFPS Secretariat Facebook Page</i>		
TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
8:15 a.m.	I. Preliminaries a) Philippine National Anthem b) Invocation c) Quality Policy Statement	National GFPS Secretariat
8:30 a.m.	II. Welcome Remarks	<b>WILFREDO E. CABRAL</b> Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development, and Infrastructure
8:40 a.m.	III. Introduction of the Resource Speaker	National GFPS Secretariat
8:45 a.m.	IV. SOGIESC Refresher and Inclusivity in Schools  Q & A	<b>AARON JAMES VILLAPANDO</b> Philippine Anti-Discrimination Alliance of Youth Leaders (PANTAY)
10:15 a.m.	V. Health Break	
10:25 a.m.	VI. Introduction of the Resource Speaker	National GFPS Secretariat
10:30 a.m.	VII. I Exist: An Intersex 101  Q & A	<b>JEFF CAGANDAHAN</b> Intersex Philippines
11:45 a.m.	VIII. Closing Remarks	BHROD Director

<b>JUNE 25, 2026 – WEBINAR SESSION ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION AND HIV/AIDS AWARENESS &amp; PREVENTION</b> <i>Livestream through the DepEd National GFPS Secretariat Facebook Page</i>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>
8:15 a.m.	I. Preliminaries a. Philippine National Anthem b. Invocation c. Quality Policy Statement	National GFPS Secretariat
8:30 a.m.	II. Welcome Remarks	<b>WILFREDO E. CABRAL</b> Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development, and Infrastructure
8:40 a.m.	III. Introduction of the Resource Speaker	National GFPS Secretariat
8:45 a.m.	IV. Reproductive Health Education Q & A	<b>Resource Speaker</b> <i>United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</i>
10:15 a.m.	V. Health Break	
10:25 a.m.	VI. Introduction of the Resource Speaker	National GFPS Secretariat
10:30 a.m.	VII. HIV/AIDS Awareness & Prevention Q & A	<b>Resource Speaker</b> <i>Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC)</i>
11:45 a.m.	VIII. Closing Remarks	<b>JANIR T. DATUKAN</b> Assistant Secretary for Learning Systems Strand

<b>JUNE 30, 2026 – PRIDE FESTIVAL</b>		
<i>20F, Bulwagan ng Karunungan, TechZone Building, Makati City</i>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>
9:00 a.m.	I. Preliminaries a) Philippine National Anthem b) Invocation c) Quality Policy Statement	DepEd National GFPS Secretariat
9:15 a.m.	II. Welcome Remarks	<b>WILFREDO E. CABRAL</b> Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development, and Infrastructure
9:30 a.m.	III. Pride Performance	Ezra Vaganza and Dysco Fever
9:40 a.m. onwards	IV. Booths and Activities	DepEd Bahaghari, Partners
11:45 a.m.	V. Pride Performance	Ezra Vaganza and Dysco Fever
11:50 a.m.	VI. Closing Remarks	BHROD Director