



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION I



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**CALL FOR THE SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 REGIONAL
SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING DEPED PERSONNEL (GAWAD LAM-ANG)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. The Regional PRAISE Committee, through the Human Resource Development Division (HRDD), announces the call for submission of nominations for the **2026 Gawad Lam-ang, the Regional Search for Outstanding Department of Education (DepEd) Personnel in Region I.**
2. The annual Search is a premier recognition program established to honor and celebrate the exemplary achievements, outstanding performance, and invaluable contributions of DepEd officials and employees who have demonstrated excellence, dedication, integrity, innovation, and commitment in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities.
3. The program embodies the Department's commitment to fostering a culture of excellence and recognizing individuals whose accomplishments significantly contribute to the realization of the DepEd Vision, Mission, Goals, and Objectives, as well as the continuous improvement of educational services and organizational performance.
4. Each Schools Division Office is allowed to submit **ONE (1) OFFICIAL NOMINEE** for each of the following categories:
 - a. Gawad Lam-ang Outstanding Supervisors
 - b. Gawad Lam-ang Outstanding School Heads
 - Category 1 – Elementary School
 - Category 2 – Secondary and Integrated School
 - * This category includes Head Teachers with appointment as School Heads*
 - c. Gawad Lam-ang Outstanding Teaching Personnel
 - Category 1 – Teacher I-VI
 - Category 2 – Master Teacher I-IV and Head Teacher with teaching loads
 - d. Gawad Lam-ang Outstanding Non-Teaching Personnel
 - Category 1 – SG 1-9
 - Category 2 – SG 10-23
5. All nominees must submit a **physical copy** of the following:
 - a. Two sets of nomination documents (containing **certified copies** of the required Means of Verification; no original documents shall be accepted)

- b. Three folders (using the assigned color code) containing the following duly-accomplished **PAWIM-Forms**:
- Nomination Form
 - Omnibus Certification of Authenticity of Documents
 - Executive Nomination Write-Up
 - Citation Form
6. The above-cited documents must be stamped received by the Records Section of Department of Education Regional Office I on/before **5:00 PM of August 24, 2026**. Nominations shall be addressed to:

RHODA T. RAZON
Assistant Regional Director
Chairperson, Regional PRAISE Committee

6. In addition, nominees are required to submit a **QR Code or link** containing the scanned copy of their nomination documents to hrdd.region1@deped.gov.ph on or before **August 20, 2026, 5:00 p.m.** with a subject line *2026 Gawad Lam-ang - (SDO) - (Search Category) - (Complete Name of the Nominee)*.

2026 Gawad Lam-ang - SDO Alaminos City – SISON, Maria Concepcion M.

7. For the guidance of all Division PRAISE Committee members, nominators, and nominees, please see the **FY 2026 Gawad Lam-ang Guidelines** that can be accessed through <https://tinyurl.com/Lam-ang2026Guidelines>.
8. For questions, please call the Human Resource Development Division through telephone number (072) 682-23-24 or email at hrdd.region1@deped.gov.ph.
9. For wide and immediate dissemination.


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Director IV/Regional Director

Encl.: None
Reference: FY 2026 Rewards and Recognition Manual
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

AWARD PRAISE REWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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