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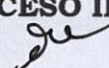
**TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE TEACHING OF A SPECIFIC LEARNING
COMPETENCY IN BATANG MAKABANSA GRADE 1**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Pursuant to Memorandum DM-OUILS-2026-407 dated September 21, 2026, titled *Makabansa Grade 1 Textbook Procured by Select Regions*, the teaching of the specific learning competency covered on page 60 of the Grade 1 textbook *Batang Makabansa*, under the lesson "Pagtanggap sa Sariling Indibidwalidad," is temporarily suspended.
2. Accordingly, all concerned schools are directed to defer the classroom implementation of the said learning competency until further guidance and appropriate orientation are issued by the Department of Education.
3. The concerned textbook is identified as follows:

Particulars	Details
Title	<i>Batang Makabansa</i>
Grade Level	Grade 1
ISBN	978-971-713-439-0
Publisher	Dane Publishing House, Inc.
Printer	Eduresources Publishing, Inc.

4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are directed.


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Director IV/Regional Director 

Encl.: None
Reference: DM-OUILS-2026-407
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

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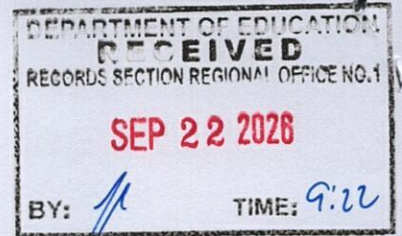


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MEMORANDUM
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Undersecretary for Learning Systems

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

DATE : September 21, 2026

This pertains to the Grade 1 textbook titled, *Batang Makabansa*, which was developed and procured by Regions 1 and 10 in FY 2024. This Office acknowledges that the said textbook underwent the prescribed evaluation, quality assurance, and procurement processes in accordance with existing Department of Education (DepEd) policies and guidelines governing the development, evaluation, quality assurance, and procurement of learning resources, including provisions of the Joint Memorandum dated March 6, 2024, titled "*Guidelines in the Utilization of*

Downloaded Program Support Funds for the Development, Printing, and Delivery of Textbooks (TXs) and Teacher's Manuals (TMs) and Provision of Electronic Textbooks and Teacher's Manuals for Grade 1."

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:	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.

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