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GUIDELINES ON THE UTILIZATION OF DOWNLOADED CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS UNDER THE SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM (SBFP) FOR FY 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. This refers to the attached Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-01-03609 dated October 12, 2026, issued by Malcolm S. Garma, Undersecretary for Governance and Operations, DepED Central Office, regarding the above-mentioned subject, for information and guidance.

2. The allocated Capital Outlay (CO) funds shall be utilized to support the program implementation, particularly the establishment and/ or refurbishment of Central Kitchens, as detailed in the attached Memorandum.

3. For information, guidance and compliance.

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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR GOVERNANCE AND OPERATION

MEMORANDUM
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TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION-SCHOOL HEALTH SECTION
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
SCHOOL GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS DIVISION
SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM COORDINATORS
SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary

SUBJECT : **GUIDELINES ON THE UTILIZATION OF DOWNLOADED CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS UNDER THE SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM (SBFP) FOR FY 2026**

DATE : October 12, 2026

The Governance and Operations Strand, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) is responsible for overseeing and managing the implementation of the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP). The provision of **fortified meals** including **milk** to all Kindergarten learners and those classified as **Severely Wasted (SW)** and **Wasted (W)** is expected to enhance learners' physical readiness to engage in classroom activities, sustain participation in the teaching–learning process, support completion of elementary education, and facilitate measurable improvements in nutritional outcomes.

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11037, or the *Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act*, the Department confirms the continuous implementation of the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) for FY 2026. The program is supported by a total allocation of **P24,695,443,000.00** under the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), and **P1,000,000,000.00** under Capital Outlay (CO) for the establishment of Central Kitchens (CKs).

The provided **Capital Outlay (CO) funds amounting to P1,000,000,000.00 shall be used to support the program implementation** for the establishment and/or refurbishment of Central Kitchens or school kitchens. The detailed budget breakdown is as follows:

Capital Outlay		
Target	**Parameters**	**Amount**
Construction of Central Kitchens	Small to Medium	P4,288,462.02
	Large to Mega Large	P4,938,888.55
	Refurbishment	P1,300,000.00

Capital Outlay		
Target	**Parameters**	**Amount**
Installation of Solar Panels	Subject to request and validation of the SDO and availability of funds	P500,000.00
Procurement of Equipment Charged to Capital Outlay		P186,662.36

To ensure the effective and judicious use of the resources, BLSS-SHD issues these guidelines on the utilization of funds with the summarized Fund Utilization and Allocation Matrix (**Annex A**), Selection Criteria and Parameters for the Finalization of the Central Kitchen Sites (**Annex B**), Recommended List of Equipment for Central Kitchens under Capital Outlay (**Annex C**), and Detailed Architectural and Engineering Design (DAED) and Corresponding Cost Estimates or Program of Works (POW) of a Central Kitchen (**Annex D**).

The funding for the implementation of this policy shall be charged against the FY 2026 School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) Capital Outlay (CO) Funds.

For clarifications and concerns, please contact **Ms. Magdalene Portia T. Cariaga**, Supervising Health Program Officer, **Mr. Vonerich B. Berba**, Education Program Specialist II, and **Ms. Gail Hariette C. dela Rosa**, Technical Assistant II, BLSS-SHD through email at sbfp@deped.gov.ph or at telephone number (02) 8632 9935.

For immediate dissemination and compliance.