Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION IX, ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAPITAN CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

November 3, 2026

Division Memorandum
No. 556 s. 2026

PARTICIPANTS TO THE ZAMBOANGA PENINUSLA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR (RSTF) 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID & SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Principals Incharge of the Districts
Public and Private Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education Region IX, Zamboanga Peninsula through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division will conduct the 2026 Regional Science and Technology Fair (RSTF) on December 9-10, 2026 in Liloy Zamboanga Del Norte to be hosted by Zamboanga del Norte Schools Division (Live Out).

2. The participants of the Schools Division of Dapitan City are the winners during the Division Science and Technology Fair (DSTF) held on September 2-3, 2026, at Dapitan City National High School, to wit:

Category	Researchers	Coach	School
Life Science (Individual)	1. Rochie Kiven J. Elumba	Elmer A. Bente *Teacher I*	Sulangon NHS
Life Science (Team)	1. Sept Kayezha B. Legorio 2. Kristine P. Bendong 3. Lewis Tristan S. Castillon	Mary Lyndie G. Borgonia *Teacher VI*	Dapitan City National High School
Physical Science (Individual	1. Maria Beatriz R. Calasang	Mary Lyndie G. Borgonia *Teacher VI*	Dapitan City National High School
Physical Science (Individual	1. Shajarah Andrea Napigkit	Amy C. Potente *Teacher VI*	Dapitan City National High School
Physical Science (Team)	1. Nhiecka Yzabelle Bolasco 2. Mark Michael E. Carreon 3. Nhovie Faith M. Eguia	Nena B. Hoyohoy *Teacher VI*	Dapitan City National High School
Robotics and Intelligent Machine (Individual)	1. Ethan Dela Cruz	Amy Potente *Teacher VI*	Dapitan City National High School

Category	Researchers	Coach	School
Robotics and Intelligent Machine (Team)	1. Kennji A. Camazo 2. Vincent Jose O. De Chico 3. Maria Venice Steffani C. Tan	Don David B. Cabilin *Teacher III*	Dapitan City National High School
Mathematics and Computational Science (Individual)	1. John Kyle Andog	Jocel E. Icao *Teacher III*	Dapitan City National High School
Mathematics and Computational Science (Team)	1. Ma. Jel J. Elcamel 2. Nhiezel Joyce D. Obordo 3. Shamma R. Adante	Ma. Antonieta Lyn Balladares *Teacher III*	Sulangon National High School
STEM Expo	1. Jofe J. Angkat	Amy C. Potente *Teacher VI*	Dapitan City National High School

3. Education Program Supervisor for Science and Mathematics are enjoined to attend the activity.

4. The Daily Travel Expenses of the learner participants shall be charged against PTA Funds/ Science Club Funds/ SEF while coaches and chaperons shall be charged against School/Division MOOE/ Local Funds subject to availability and government auditing rules and regulations.

5. For clarification or further inquiries, you may contact Dr. Vicente Jose V. Suarez, II Chief of the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) through Bobbie E. Gurabot, EPS for Science and Esmeralda A. Bagaipo, EPS for Mathematics at 09499907636/09126177243.

6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

JAY S. MONTEALTO, EdD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 822, s. 2026

CONDUCT OF THE ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads, Public Elementary, Junior High School, and Senior High School
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) continues to advance Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education by providing learners with meaningful opportunities to develop and demonstrate scientific inquiry, research competencies, creativity, and innovation in addressing real-world challenges. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026, entitled National Science and Technology Fair for School Year 2026–2027, the conduct of Science and Technology Fairs seeks to cultivate a culture of scientific excellence, technological innovation, and responsible research among Filipino learners.

2. In support of this initiative, the Department of Education Regional Office IX, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), shall conduct the Zamboanga Peninsula Science and Technology Fair 2026, otherwise referred to as the Regional Science and Technology Fair (RSTF), on December 9–10, 2026, in Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte, with the theme "Leveraging Scientific Innovation for a Sustainable and Progressive Philippines."

3. The activity aims to provide a platform for learners to showcase their competencies in scientific inquiry, research, and technological innovation while promoting critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and the development of evidence-based solutions to local, national, and global challenges. It likewise seeks to strengthen collaboration among learners, teachers, researchers, and STEM partners in advancing scientific literacy, innovation, and sustainable development.

4. Consistent with DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026, the RSTF shall feature the following major activities:

Activity	Description
Tuklas	A STEM research competition featuring individual and team research projects in four categories: (1) Life Science, (2) Physical Science, (3) Robotics and Intelligent Machines, and (4) Mathematics and Computational Science. It provides learners with opportunities to

	present scientific investigations and research-based solutions to real-world problems.
STEM Innovation Expo	A competition recognizing creative, innovative, and market-viable STEM projects that address challenges in food safety, water conservation, renewable energy, cybersecurity, road safety, health, disaster mitigation, agriculture, and environmental sustainability.
STEM Academy	A professional learning activity designed for Science and Mathematics teachers and supervisors, featuring expert talks and knowledge-sharing sessions that promote creativity, innovation, research competencies, and excellence in STEM education.
Agham Bayanihan	A public exhibition featuring STEM research and innovation partners showcasing innovative products, emerging technologies, and services that address the needs of various sectors of the community.

5. Tuklas and STEM Innovation Expo shall serve as the competitive components of the RSTF, involving the presentation, exhibition, screening, and evaluation of qualified research projects and innovations in accordance with the prescribed national guidelines. Meanwhile, STEM Academy and Agham Bayanihan shall serve as noncompetitive components, providing opportunities for professional learning, knowledge exchange, community engagement, and collaboration with STEM research and innovation partners.

6. The nine (9) Schools Division Offices (SDOs) shall facilitate the conduct of their respective School Science and Technology Fairs (SSTFs) and Division Science and Technology Fairs (DSTFs) to identify and select qualified entries for the regional competition. These activities shall adhere to DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026, and existing DepEd policies on the protection of instructional time.

7. Participation in the competitive components of the RSTF shall be open to qualified Grades 9–12 learners from public and private secondary schools who have been duly selected and officially endorsed by their respective SDOs. The eligibility requirements, number of qualifying entries, selection procedures, and other applicable competition mechanics shall be governed by the provisions of DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026.

8. All participating research projects and innovations shall undergo the prescribed technical, scientific, ethical, and safety screening by the duly constituted Scientific Review Committee (SRC). Only entries that have satisfied the applicable research standards, documentary requirements, and ethical and safety protocols shall proceed to the final evaluation.

9. The Regional Office shall constitute the Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG), Scientific Review Committee (SRC), Board of Judges (BOJ), and other necessary committees responsible for the planning, coordination, screening, evaluation, and overall implementation of the RSTF. Appropriate coordination shall likewise be undertaken with concerned educational institutions, government

agencies, research organizations, and other STEM partners for the conduct of STEM Academy and Agham Bayanihan.

10. DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026, dated September 23, 2026, shall serve as the official reference for the conduct of the RSTF, particularly on learner eligibility, research categories, competition mechanics, selection procedures, research ethics and safety standards, documentary requirements, project poster specifications, evaluation
and participating learners are enjoined to carefully review and comply with the applicable provisions of the said issuance.

11. All participating Schools Division Offices (SDOs) shall submit both hard and soft copies of their officially endorsed competition entries, research manuscripts, and other required supporting documents on or before November 21, 2026. Hard copies shall be submitted to the designated receiving office in Five (5) Copies, while soft copies shall be properly organized into separate folders for each competition entry and uploaded through the designated online submission link:

Submission Link: https://acesse.one/gt3pe99

Furthermore, submission entries including research manuscripts and supporting documents must comply with the prescribed project labeling, coding, and color-coding requirements under Enclosure No. 11 of DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026. Digital submissions shall likewise follow the standardized folder-naming convention prescribed by the Regional Office to facilitate the systematic organization, identification, and screening of competition entries as follows:

RSTF2026_Category_Team/Individual_SchoolName_Division
Example: RSTF2026_LifeScience_Team_AuroraNHS_ZamboangadelSur

Only entries submitted within the prescribed period and compliant with the applicable documentary and screening requirements shall be considered for evaluation, subject to the provisions of the national guidelines.

12. The winning entries shall be determined based on the prescribed evaluation and ranking procedures. Qualified regional winners shall be endorsed for participation in the National Science and Technology Fair for School Year 2026–2027, subject to the final screening, approval, and other requirements stipulated in DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026.

13. Expenses relative to the organization and conduct of the Regional Science and Technology Fair (RSTF), including the necessary logistical arrangements, supplies and materials, honoraria of resource persons and judges, and other authorized operational expenses, shall be charged against the funds downloaded to the Schools Division Office of Zamboanga del Norte. Meanwhile, travel expenses, meals, accommodation, and other incidental expenses of participating learner-contestants, research advisers, coaches, and other authorized division delegates shall be charged against their respective Schools Division Offices' local Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) or other available local funds, subject to the

availability of funds and existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations.

14. For further information, clarification, and other concerns relative to the conduct of The Zamboanga Peninsula Science and Technology Fair 2026, concerned personnel may coordinate directly with Mr. Matthew T. Sabasales, Education Program Supervisor – Science, Curriculum and Learning Management Division, DepEd Regional Office IX, through his cellphone numbers: 09669479878 or 09472053137 or through his email address: matthew.sabasales@deped.gov.ph .

15. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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