Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF ANGELES CITY

18 Nov 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 453, s. 2026

CALL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 BASIC EDUCATION RESEARCH FUND (BERF) RESEARCH PROPOSALS

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD
Section and Unit Heads
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Concerned Personnel

1. This Office disseminates the attached R.M. 490, s. 2026 (Call For Fiscal Year 2027 Basic Education Research Fund [BERF] Research Proposals) relative to the call for Fiscal Year 2027 Basic Education Research Fund (BERF) Research Proposals.

2. In view thereof, all interested teaching, teaching-related, and non-teaching personnel who intend to apply for BERF funding are encouraged to carefully review and comply with the provisions, requirements, and timelines stipulated in the attached Regional Memorandum.

3. To facilitate the Division-level review, evaluation, and endorsement of research proposals, all proponents shall submit their complete research proposals to the Chair of the Schools Division Research Committee (SDRC), Attention: Schools Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) - Planning and Research Unit, on or before **December 5, 2026**.

4. School Heads are directed to disseminate the contents of this Memorandum to all concerned personnel and provide appropriate assistance to prospective research proponents.

5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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Reference: D.O. 16, s. 2017; RM NO. 490, S. 2026
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 490, s. 2026

CALL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 BASIC EDUCATION RESEARCH FUND (BERF) RESEARCH PROPOSALS

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. In support of the Department's commitment to promote and strengthen a culture of research in basic education, the Department of Education Regional Office III, through the Policy, Planning, and Research Division (PPRD), announces the Call for FY 2027 Research Proposals under the Basic Education Research Fund (BERF).

2. All research proposals must be aligned with Regional Memorandum No. 185, s. 2020, also known as the *Harmonized Regional Basic Education Research Agenda.* Teaching, related-teaching, and non-teaching personnel are encouraged to submit research proposals focusing on the following major themes: a. Teaching and Learning; b. Child Protection; c. Human Resource Development; d. Governance. Cross-cutting themes such as Gender and Development (GAD), Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM), and Inclusive Education may also be integrated into the research topics. Furthermore, proposed studies must contribute to enhancing the quality of education in Region III and 5-Point Reform Agenda of the Department.

3. The Chief Education Supervisor of the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) shall oversee the initial screening of submitted proposals in accordance with the guidelines set forth in DepEd Order No. 16, s. 2017. The Schools Division Research Committee (SDRC), chaired by the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent (ASDS), shall evaluate and endorse qualified proposals to the Regional Office.

4. The Senior Education Program Specialist (SEPS) for Planning and Research shall be responsible for uploading the required documents to the designated submission link, on or before **December 15, 2026** (see Annex 2). This link is strictly for official use and must not be shared with research proponents. The use of electronic or digital signatures for all documents is acceptable.

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5. To ensure proper documentation and identification, the following file naming convention must be strictly observed:

5.1. Research proposal following the prescribed format in Regional Memorandum No. 57, s. 2018.
(e.g. Malolos_2026_Calma_Issues and Challenges in Testing and Assessment Among Grade 2 Learners

5.2. Appraisal Form (*Annex 4.a. Basic/ Applied Research; Annex 4.b. Action Research, D.O. 16, s. 2017*) (e.g. Malolos_Appraisal_Calma)

5.3. Cost Estimates (e.g. Malolos_Cost_Calma)

5.4. Copy of Landbank ATM Card, indicate the Landbank branch (*readable account name and account number*). (e.g.: Malolos_ATM_Calma)

6. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are enjoined.

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Regional Director

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References:
D.O. 16, s. 2017

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ANNEX 1: MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS

A. BASIC RESEARCH PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

I. Introduction and Rationale
II. Literature Review
III. Research Questions
IV. Scope and Limitation
V. Research Methodology
   a. Sampling
   b. Data Collection
   c. Ethical Issues
   d. Plan for Data Analysis
VI. Timetable/Gantt Chart
VII. Cost Estimates
VIII. Plans for Dissemination and Advocacy
IX. References
X. Annexes
   a. Research Proposal Application Form and Endorsement of Immediate Supervisor ***(Annex 1- D.O. 16, s. 2017)***
   b. Declaration of Anti-Plagiarism and Absence of Conflict of Interest ***(Annex 3 – D.O. 16, s. 2017)***

B. ACTION RESEARCH TEMPLATE

I. Context and Rationale
II. Action Research Questions
III. Proposed Innovation, Intervention, and Strategy
IV. Action Research Methods
   a. Participants and/or other Sources of Data and Information
   b. Data Gathering Methods
   c. Data Analysis Plan
V. Action Research Work Plan and Timelines
VI. Cost Estimates
VII. Plans for Dissemination and Utilization
VIII. References
IX. Annexes
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