



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION IX – ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIPOLOG CITY



September 21, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 819, s. 2026

**PHASE ONE OF THE SEARCH FOR THE 2026 MOST OUTSTANDING BATANG
DIPAG SUPREME SECONDARY LEARNER GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Division Learner Formation Coordinators
Public Schools District Supervisors
Secondary School Principals
SSLG Advisers
SSLG Presidents
This Division

1. The Schools Division of Dipolog City, through the Division Learner Formation Unit (DLFU), shall conduct **Phase One: Mind Trial** of the **Search for the 2026 Most Outstanding Batang Dipag Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG) President** as part of the **3rd Orchid Ablaze Awards**.
2. The Search is an annual learner leadership recognition initiative that seeks to recognize an SSLG President who demonstrates exemplary knowledge, leadership judgment, initiative, accountability, integrity, and commitment to learner welfare. The Search is anchored on Division Memorandum No. 307, s. 2024, entitled "*Policy Guidelines on Recognizing Aces and Champions of Excellence (RACE)*," particularly under the Learners Category.
3. The Search for the 2026 Most Outstanding Batang Dipag Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG) President shall be **open to all bona fide elected or duly appointed SSLG Presidents for School Year 2026–2027** who are officially enrolled in any public secondary school under the jurisdiction of the Schools Division of Dipolog City. The Search shall be open to all seventeen (17) SSLG Presidents, without discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, age, religion, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, cultural background, learning ability, family circumstance, or other personal circumstances.
4. The Mind Trial shall be conducted on **Saturday, September 26, 2026**, at the Schools Division Office Building, Government Center, Sta. Isabel, Dipolog City. All SSLG Presidents are expected to **arrive no later than 8:00 a.m.** to allow sufficient time for attendance checking, registration, briefing, seating, and other preparatory activities before the examination proper. **Punctuality shall be strictly observed.**



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5. The guidelines and mechanics for **Phase One: Mind Trial** are provided in **Enclosure No. 1** of this Memorandum.
6. All School Principals and SSLG Teacher-Advisers shall coordinate with their respective SSLG Presidents and facilitate the necessary arrangements for their participation in the activity.
7. Transportation expenses to and from the venue may be charged against the School MOOE, PTA-VSC Funds, or other available funds intended for youth programs, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. All participating SSLG Presidents shall secure the required **parental consent** and submit the duly accomplished consent form to the Division Learner Formation Coordinators (DLFCs) on or before the day of the activity. The prescribed template is provided in **Annex A** of this Memorandum.
9. Non-teaching personnel who attend the activity shall be granted 1.50 Compensatory Overtime Credits (COCs) for an eight-hour activity, subject to existing policies and guidelines.
10. For further clarifications or inquiries regarding this issuance, all concerned parties may contact the Division Learner Formation Coordinators (DLFCs). Contact details:

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11. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.


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Encl.: Guidelines, Annexes
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ANNEX A

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S CONSENT FORM

Name of learner: _____
Date of birth: _____ Sex: _____
Allergies: _____
Blood type: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____
Relationship to learner: _____
Home address: _____
Contact number: _____

Adviser/Teacher's Name: _____
School: _____
Contact Number: _____

Activity: **PHASE ONE MIND TRIAL OF THE SEARCH FOR THE 2026 MOST OUTSTANDING BATANG DIPAG SSLG PRESIDENT**

Date: September 26, 2026 (Saturday)

Venue: 3/F TA Room, DepEd SDO Dipolog Building, Government Compound, Sta. Isabel, Dipolog City

As the parent/guardian of the abovementioned learner, I hereby acknowledge that I have been informed of the details of the off-campus activity and voluntarily and freely elect my child to participate in this off-campus activity. Furthermore, I understand the risks associated with an off-campus activity and agree that the rules and regulations established for the said activity are for the safety and security of the participants, and thus agree to instruct my child or children to obey them.

I also authorize the oversight proponent of the activity to gather and utilize the data and information, including personal information and images, that may arise during the activity, in accordance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

Having understood all the aforementioned, I hereby consent to allow my child or children to participate, acknowledging all of the foregoing. I am also solely responsible for providing travel insurance and any expenses for my child or children's participation in the activity.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name & Signature

Date



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(Enclosure No. 1 to Division Memorandum No. 819, s. 2026)

**GUIDELINES FOR THE PHASE ONE: MIND TRIAL
SEARCH FOR THE 2026 MOST OUTSTANDING BATANG DIPAG
SUPREME SECONDARY LEARNER GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT**

The **Mind Trial** serves as the intellectual opening of the Search for the 2026 Most Outstanding Batang Dipag SSLG President. Designed to be unique and unconventional, the Preliminary Examination moves beyond the traditional approach of testing what participants can simply memorize. **It is intentionally structured to challenge the Presidents' knowledge, critical thinking, attention to detail, decision-making, and ability to work strategically within given parameters.**

The Mind Trial shall measure not only what each President knows, but also how each President thinks, interprets information, follows instructions, and responds to challenges. Participants may encounter knowledge-based, situational, analytical, and unconventional components that require careful reading, discernment, and the application of sound judgment.

The examination shall also provide opportunities to observe the participants' capacity for collective effort and strategic collaboration. While each President shall ultimately be assessed based on the prescribed individual requirements, certain portions of the Mind Trial may deliberately require participants to recognize information, directions, patterns, or challenges that reward careful coordination and collective effort. This is anchored on the principle that effective student leadership is not exercised in isolation: a President who knows how to lead must also know how to listen, coordinate, collaborate, and work with others toward a common objective.

Equally important, the Mind Trial shall test the participants' attention to instructions. The ability to carefully read, understand, and follow directions is itself a leadership competency. Some instructions may contain details, conditions, limitations, or seemingly minor provisions that can significantly affect how a task should be approached. Participants are therefore expected to exercise vigilance and discernment rather than immediately resorting to assumptions or conventional test-taking strategies.

In this regard, reading the instructions is part of the test. How closely the participants read them may be just as important as how well they know the answers.



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The Preliminary Examination shall cover the following areas:

- **SSLG Constitution and By-Laws (CBL)**
 - Questions shall assess the participant's understanding of the organizational structure, powers and responsibilities, duties of officers, membership, elections, meetings, parliamentary processes, and other provisions governing the Supreme Secondary Learner Government. This component establishes the President's mastery of the fundamental rules upon which effective learner governance is built.
- **DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 — DepEd Child Protection Policy**
 - This component shall examine the participant's knowledge of the principles, mechanisms, responsibilities, and procedures established to protect learners from abuse, violence, exploitation, discrimination, bullying, and other forms of harm. Questions may also present situations requiring the participant to determine the appropriate and learner-centered response.
- **DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026 — Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment**
 - This component shall assess the participant's understanding of the policies and practices that promote a learning environment that is safe, inclusive, supportive, respectful, and conducive to learner development. Participants shall be expected to recognize the role of student leaders in helping create school communities where learners can participate, belong, and thrive.
- **Republic Act No. 11369 — National Students' Day Act**
 - Questions shall assess the participant's familiarity with the provisions, objectives, significance, and history of the National Students' Day Act, particularly its recognition of learners as active partners in nation-building and its promotion of student participation, leadership, and meaningful engagement in school and community affairs.
- **Current Events and Relevant Issues Affecting Education, Governance, and Youth Leadership**
 - This component shall measure the participant's awareness of contemporary issues that shape the experiences of Filipino learners and student leaders. These may include significant developments in education, youth affairs, public governance, learner welfare, technology and social media, emerging societal concerns, and other issues relevant to the responsibilities of an SSLG President.



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Date, Venue, and Things to Bring

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Participants are advised to wear their **DFSSLG Batch Torchbearers Uniform** and bring the following:

- Mongol No. 2 Pencil – preferably at least two (2) pieces;
- Pencil Sharpener;
- Ballpen – preferably black or blue;
- Lunch and water tumbler;

Participants are strongly advised to bring only the materials necessary for the Mind Trial. Mobile phones, smartwatches, tablets, notes, reviewers, and other electronic or reference materials shall be governed by the rules and instructions to be issued by the Examination Committee and may be prohibited during the examination proper.

Participants are likewise reminded that the instructions governing the Mind Trial shall form part of the examination experience itself. **They are therefore expected to listen carefully during the briefing, read all written instructions thoroughly, and comply with all examination protocols.**

In the Mind Trial, even the **smallest detail may matter**. Read carefully. Think critically. **And, perhaps most importantly, read the instructions.**