

# MESSAGE from the Regional Director

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL,**  
*our dear learners!*

As we open a new academic year, we welcome our learners with steadfast commitment to deliver a meaningful, inclusive and relevant learning experience this School Year 2026-2027.

Despite the many challenges that the Department of Education faced through the years, we have withstood and emerged stronger than ever. This school year, we are implementing crucial learning reforms that provide better directions and focus in addressing learning gaps and challenges inside the classroom.

We are ever so thankful for the strong support and partnership with our parents, our local governments, our school communities and all our education stakeholders, especially during the Brigada Eskwela. This solidarity truly made our schools ever ready to welcome its robust learners.

We are also grateful for the guidance of our schools division officials in making sure that schools in their respective jurisdictions become conducive learning environments that will truly support teaching and learning. Moreso, we are thankful for the commitment of our school heads and teachers in implementing and truly supporting the new learning reforms.

Education has always been inspired by its village, and learning is achieved better through teamwork and united efforts. Remember that no great enterprise is ever successful by one person only, thus, the need to collaborate is vital in providing rigor and relevance in learning.

To our learners, may you start this year with pure optimism and a positive attitude, with the biggest smiles and openness to learn and achieve wonderful things. Amidst challenges and difficulties, may you remain hopeful, faithful and grateful, because everything is grace from the Lord.

Again, welcome and God bless everyone.

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