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 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**  
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**TO :** DR. MELITON P. ZURBANO  
 Schools Division Superintendent  
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**FROM :**   
 WILFREDO E. CABRAL, CESO III  
 Regional Director

**SUBJECT :** INVITATION TO A FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION ON THE  
 PROPOSED STUDY ON THE PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDERS  
 PERCEPTION OF THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM

**DATE :** October 20, 2023

1. This has reference to the attached Memorandum No. DM-CT-2023-352 dated October 16, 2023, from Alma Ruby C. Torio, Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching, relative to the above-captioned activity.
2. In connection with this, **Dr. Marco Meduranda**, Education Program Supervisor in English is enjoined to:
  - participate in the online focus group discussion
  - send his confirmation through [christian.cariaga@deped.gov.ph](mailto:christian.cariaga@deped.gov.ph)
3. For further information and clarification regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Christian Jeff G. Cariaga, Senior Education Program Specialist, Bureau of Alternative Education – Policy and Quality Assurance Division (BAE-PQAD) through telephone number (02) 8636-3603.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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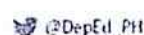
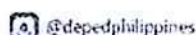
**FROM :** *Alma Ruby C. Torio*  
**ALMA RUBY C. TORIO**  
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In contribution to the advancement of equitable, quality, and inclusive education in the Philippines through strengthened stakeholder engagement and partnership, evidence-based decision-making, and system efficiency and effectiveness as one strategy defined in the Basic Education Development Plan (BEDP) 2030 and in support of the MATATAG Agenda of the Department of Education (DepEd), the Bureau of Alternative Education (BAE), in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-Education Development Center (EDC), is

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proposing a nationwide study on the public and stakeholders perception of the Alternative Learning System (ALS).

This research will explore the overall perception of the various segments of society about ALS in order to gather valuable insights into the current state of the ALS programs, including its strengths, weaknesses, and potential areas for improvement:

In this connection, we would like to invite the following DepEd field personnel in your region to participate in the Online Focus Group Discussion (FGD) aimed at gathering inputs from the field with regard to the prepared concept note, particularly its proposed research questions:

Region	Schools Division Office	Name of Personnel	Designation
III	San Jose Del Monte City	Franissa Sandoval	ALS Teacher
III		Engelbert Agunday	Regional ALS Focal Person
IV-A	Antipolo City	Khristian Ross P. Pimentel	Master Teacher II
V	Albay	Joseph P. Binarao	Teacher III
VI	Iloilo City	Grecian Villanueva	Education Program Specialist II for ALS
VII	Cebu Province	Royce Dichos Coloscos	Education Program Specialist II for ALS
XII		Crisanto Bulado	Regional ALS Focal Person
NCR	Navotas City	Marco Meduranda	Education Program Supervisor - English

This Online FGD will be conducted on Monday, October 24, 2023, from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm. The meeting link will be sent to their respective email addresses upon confirmation of their attendance on or before October 20, 2023, through email at [christian.cariaga@deped.gov.ph](mailto:christian.cariaga@deped.gov.ph).

For queries or clarifications, you may contact **Mr. Christian Jeff G. Cariaga**, Senior Education Program Specialist of the BAE- Policy and Quality Assurance Division (PQAD) through the aforesaid email address or through telephone number (02) 8636-3603.

For your information and appropriate action.

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