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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 578 s. 2026

FINAL VALIDATION OF SCHOOL INTERNET CONNECTIVITY DATA

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Program Supervisors-CID and SGOD
Section/Unit Heads
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
District/School ICT Coordinators
Property Custodian
All Others Concerned

1. In connection with the attached **Joint Memorandum from DepEd Central Officials dated May 19, 2026**, entitled *"Final Validation of School Internet Connectivity Data,"* this Office, through the **Information and Communications Technology Unit (ICTU)**, will conduct the final validation of school internet connectivity data as of **March 18, 2026**. All schools are requested to accomplish the validation form through the link below until **5:00 PM of May 28, 2026**:

<https://tinyurl.com/ValidationInternetCon2026>

(or scan the provided QR code)



2. It is strongly recommended that the **School Head** should be the one to accomplish the form, in coordination with the designated **School ICT Coordinator** and **Property Custodian**, to ensure the establishment of a **single certified school-level internet connectivity baseline as of May 18, 2026**. This process shall include reconciliation of all available data, such as:

- Prior certifications
- Current school records
- School-level confirmations
- Division and Regional data records
- Project allocation lists
- Actual or ongoing connectivity deployments


3. The data submitted shall serve as the **final validated school internet connectivity record**, supported by the following certification statement in the form:
"By clicking 'YES,' I hereby certify that the data submitted through this form accurately reflects the school's internet connectivity status as of May 18, 2026. Furthermore, I affirm that the information provided is true and correct and is consistent with the data recorded in the DCP Inventory and the Basic Education Information System (BEIS)."

4. Strict adherence to these guidelines is required to ensure proper verification, accountability, and monitoring of school internet connectivity status.

5. For queries and technical assistance, you may contact the **ICTU Office** or send an email to: ictunit.ctd@deped.gov.ph

6. Immediate and widest dissemination of this memorandum is highly encouraged.

By Authority of the OIC-Schools Division Superintendent:


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JOINT MEMORANDUM

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
REGIONAL AND DIVISION IT OFFICERS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

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SUBJECT : **FINAL VALIDATION OF SCHOOL INTERNET CONNECTIVITY
DATA**

DATE : 19 May 2026

In an effort to provide connectivity in all public schools within the country, the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) launched several projects together and separately: the DepEd LEO (Low Earth Orbit) x Solar Project, the DICT Provision of Internet Access via Low Earth Orbit Satellites (PIALEOS) Project, and the DepEd-DICT e-Learning Connectivity initiative.

Pursuant to these Projects, DepEd conducted several rounds of validation of school Internet connectivity data within the past ten (10) months. This series of validation produced important planning inputs, including prior certifications by Regional Directors (RD) without Internet connectivity, which served as basis for deployment or ongoing deployment under the different Projects.

However, the persistence of conflicting records across InsightEd, the DepEd Computerization Program (DCP) Portal, prior submissions, project records, and school-level reports show that prior certifications and existing records cannot be relied upon without conducting another round of reconciliation. Further, recent informal Information Technology Officer (ITO)-level validation conducted from May 14 to 18, 2026 indicates that several schools previously treated as connected,



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particularly those outside existing project allocations, may in fact remain unconnected or inadequately served.

Accordingly, this final validation shall establish a single certified school-level Internet connectivity baseline as of May 18, 2026. The baseline shall reconcile all available data, including prior certifications, current records, school-level confirmations, available Division and Regional records, project allocation lists, and actual or ongoing deployments under existing connectivity interventions.

For this purpose, the Central Office has prepared an online spreadsheet containing school-level connectivity records by Region and Division, accessible at: tinyurl.com/schoolinternetdatavalidation.

The spreadsheet contains two (2) datasets:

1. Identified schools with inconsistent Internet connectivity responses that require validation and reconciliation; and
2. Identified schools with consistent Internet connectivity responses that must be reviewed and properly labeled in the Remarks column if there are status changes.

Only the following status categories shall be used as values under the CONFIRMATION column of the online spreadsheet linked above:

Status	Definition
Connected	The school has functional Internet connectivity as of May 18, 2026, from any source. The service is usable for both administrative and instructional purposes at least one (1) school level. For this baseline activity, connectivity in at least one (1) elementary, junior high school, or senior high school level/component shall classify the school as Connected.
Underserved	The school has Internet connectivity as of May 18, 2026, but the service is inadequate for regular use because it is intermittent, unreliable, too slow, limited in coverage, or usable only for administrative or instructional purposes but not both.
Unservd	The school has no functional Internet connectivity in any school level as of May 18, 2026, and is not covered by any confirmed deployment, installation, or activation expected to be completed by June 2026.

The validation shall be treated as a whole-of-office responsibility. It shall not be delegated solely to the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Unit, Planning Unit, or any single focal person. The Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) shall ensure coordination among the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent (ASDS), ICT Unit, Planning Unit, Supply and Property Unit, concerned program focal persons, school heads, and other personnel with relevant information.



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The SDS shall certify the final Internet connectivity status of all schools under the Division.

The RD shall certify that the Region has reviewed, consolidated, and endorsed the certified Division submissions, and that the consolidated regional submission reflects the final school-level Internet connectivity baseline for the Region as of May 18, 2026, based on SDO certifications and available Regional records.

The certification templates for the SDS and RD are attached as Annexes A and B herein and may be accessed and downloaded from the prescribed Google Drive folder. The signed certifications shall be submitted on or before May 22, 2026 through the prescribed Google Drive folder for the Region: tinyurl.com/2026CONNECTDATAVALIDATIONCERT. The following guidelines shall be followed for the submissions:

1. The following filename convention shall be used: **YYYY-MM-DD-Name-Connectivity.pdf**
2. Examples:
2026-05-21-CAR-Connectivity.pdf
2026-05-20-City of Baguio-Connectivity.pdf
3. The certified submissions shall be used as the official school-level connectivity baseline for planning, project allocation, procurement, inter-agency coordination, implementation monitoring, and management reporting.
4. Any correction after submission shall require a written explanation and resubmission through the Regional Office. Where the discrepancy resulted from failure to verify available information, failure to coordinate among concerned offices, reliance on outdated records, reckless certification, concealment, or deliberate misrepresentation, the matter may be referred for fact-finding and appropriate administrative action, subject to applicable rules and due process.

Strict compliance is directed.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the consolidated regional school-level Internet connectivity master list made available through the following read-only URL: tinyurl.com/schoolinternetdatavalidation has been reviewed, consolidated, and endorsed by the Regional Office of [insert Region], based on the certified submissions of its Schools Division Offices and the best available Regional Office records as of May 18, 2026.

The undersigned certifies that the entries in the said consolidated regional masterlist for all schools under the Region are correct, complete, and accurate as of the cut-off date. The masterlist covers both schools with previously inconsistent Internet connectivity responses requiring validation and schools with previously consistent responses that were reviewed and, where applicable, updated or labeled in the Remarks column. The masterlist reflects the final Internet connectivity status of every school in the Region, whether classified as Connected, Underserved, or Unserved.

The undersigned further certifies that, as of May 18, 2026, the consolidated regional master list constitutes the final and complete list of schools in the Region that are classified as **Unserved**, meaning schools with no functional Internet connectivity in any school level or component and not covered by any confirmed connectivity deployment, installation, or activation expected to be completed by June 2026.

This certification is issued after the Regional Office reviewed the completeness and consistency of the certified Division submissions and reconciled the same, as applicable, with available regional records, prior regional certifications, project allocation lists, and actual or ongoing deployments under existing connectivity interventions.

Any request for correction, modification, or revision after certification shall require the Regional Director to submit a written explanation or Notice to Explain, stating the basis for the requested correction, the reason the discrepancy was not identified before certification, and the validation measures previously undertaken.

The undersigned understands that material inaccuracies in the certified regional master list, where the correct information was reasonably knowable or available at the time of certification, may be treated as failure to exercise due diligence and may be referred for fact-finding and appropriate administrative action under applicable rules.

Certified by:

[Name of Regional Director]
Regional Director
Regional Office [insert Region]

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the final school-level Internet connectivity master list made available through the following read-only URL: tinyurl.com/schoolinternetdatavalidation has been reviewed, reconciled, and validated by the Schools Division Office of [insert Division], based on the best available information as of May 18, 2026.

The undersigned certifies that the entries in the said masterlist for all schools under this Division are correct, complete, and accurate as of the cut-off date. The masterlist covers both schools with previously inconsistent Internet connectivity responses requiring validation and schools with previously consistent responses that were reviewed and, where applicable, updated or labeled in the Remarks column. The masterlist reflects the final Internet connectivity status of every school under the Division, whether classified as Connected, Underserved, or Unserved.

The undersigned further certifies that, as of May 18, 2026, the master list constitutes the final and complete list of schools under this Division that are classified as **Unserved**, meaning schools with no functional Internet connectivity in any school level or component and not covered by any confirmed connectivity deployment, installation, or activation expected to be completed by June 2026.

This certification is issued after a whole-of-office validation process involving or consulting, as applicable, the Office of the Schools Division Superintendent, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent, ICT Unit, Planning Unit, Supply and Property Unit, concerned program focal persons, school heads, and other personnel with relevant information.

Any request for correction, modification, or revision after certification shall require the Schools Division Superintendent to submit a written explanation or Notice to Explain, stating the basis for the requested correction, the reason the discrepancy was not identified before certification, and the validation measures previously undertaken.

The undersigned understands that material inaccuracies in the certified master list, where the correct information was reasonably knowable or available at the time of certification, may be treated as failure to exercise due diligence and may be referred for fact-finding and appropriate administrative action under applicable rules.

Certified by:

[Name of Schools Division Superintendent]
Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division Office of [insert Division]