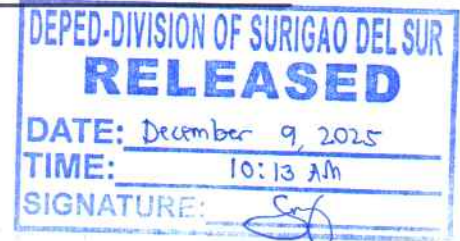




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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
 No. **551** , s. 2025



To: CID Chief
 Public Schools District Supervisors/Districts In-Charge
 All School Heads of SPSTEM Implementing Schools
 All Others Concerned

**CREATION OF DIVISION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE (DSRC)
 TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) FOR SY 2025-2026**

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order (DO) No. 007, s. 2023, entitled "2023 National Science and Technology Fair (NSTF) Implementing Guidelines," the Schools Division Office hereby creates the Division Scientific Research Committee (DSRC) Technical Working Group (TWG) for School Year 2025-2026. This is essential to provide technical support, expert review, and evaluation for student research projects submitted for the upcoming Science and Technology Fair activities.
2. The DSRC-TWG shall be composed of school heads, master teachers, and teachers from various schools within the division. These members are Science subject matter experts specializing in different scientific disciplines. Refer to Enclosure No. 1 for the detailed composition and membership of the DSRC-TWG.
3. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the DSRC-TWG members are aligned with the safety, ethical, and regulatory provisions of the NSTF Handbook and shall include, but not be limited to, the following key functions:
 - Review of Research Plan/Project Proposal: To ensure the scientific merit, completeness, and adherence to the format and rules prescribed in the NSTF Handbook.
 - Scientific Review Committee (SRC) Evaluation: To check for evidence of compliance with NSTF rules of ethical guidelines, particularly for projects involving:
 - Human Subjects (via Institutional Review Board - IRB Forms)
 - Vertebrate Animals (via Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee - IACUC Forms)
 - Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents (PHBA)
 - Hazardous Chemicals, Activities, or Devices (HCAD)
 - Risk Assessment Review: To scrutinize the completeness and appropriateness of the Risk Assessment Form for all relevant projects, ensuring that student researchers employ proper safety procedures and supervision to mitigate potential risks.



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- Compliance Monitoring: To assist in the preparation of all required scientific review reports and evaluation processes as mandated by the NSTF National Guidelines.
 - Technical Guidance: To provide orientation and technical assistance on the NSTF guidelines to the researchers and stakeholders
4. Travelling expenses of the participants during the review of research papers shall be chargeable against local funds/school/division MOOE or other appropriate sources subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. For further details, you may reach out to RESSIL L. TERSONA, EdD Division Science Coordinator through:
- Email: ressil.tersona@deped.gov.ph
 - Mobile: 0912 - 027 -2222 (Smart)
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6. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated

Reference: DepEd Order (DO) No. 007, s. 2023 , entitled "2023 National Science and Technology Fair (NSTF) Implementing Guidelines

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

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Enclosure No. 1: LIST OF DSRC-TWG for SY 2025-2026

No.	Name	Position, Designation	Station
1	Ressil L. Tersona	EPS, Science Focal	SDO-CID
2	Evangeline A. Caratao	P-III, DSRC-TWG	Carmen NAHS
3	Archie S. Pagaura	P-II, DSRC-TWG	Sagbayan NHS
4	Ronald P. Jacinto	P-II, DSRC-TWG	San Miguel NCHS
5	Maurice Gay A. Tajonera	P-II, DSRC-TWG	Felisberto Verano NHS
6	Rey D. Arbolonio	P-I, DSRC-TWG	Bingongan IS
7	Renante G. Rendon	P-I DSRC-TWG	Tidman NHS
8	Arieljun P. Rosal	HT-II, DSRC-TWG	Osmeña IS
9	Ryan Paul M. Vales	MT-I, DSRC-TWG	Tagbina NHS
10	Von Lloyd L. Loren	MT-I, DSRC-TWG	Liangá NCHS
11	Kristine S. Dacles	T-III, DSRC-TWG	San Miguel NCHS
12	Vivian M. Piamonte	T-III, DSRC-TWG	San Miguel NCHS
13	Jerome B. Corvera	T-I, DSRC-TWG	Barobo NHS