



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
DIGOS CITY DIVISION



**Office of the Schools Division Superintendent**

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

CID-2025- 319

To : CID Chief  
Education Program Supervisor Concerned (MAPEH)  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Secondary and Elementary School Heads  
Teachers

Subject : AUTHORIZATION FOR THE VIEWING OF THE FILM THE SONG OF  
THE FIREFLIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS FOR  
EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Date : August 5, 2025

In reference to the Unnumbered Memorandum from Atty. Fatima D. Panontongan, Undersecretary and Chief of Staff, dated August 5, 2025, re: **Authorization for the Viewing of the Film the Song of the Fireflies in Public and Private Schools for Educational Purposes**, this Office informs the field to allow the learners of suitable age and maturity to view the film under the discretion and guidance of school heads and teachers. Such viewing shall be conducted in accordance with existing DepEd policies, including but not limited to the **No Collection Policy**.


The teacher-participants shall adhere to the policy on "No Disruption of Classes" as per DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled "Institutionalizing Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith". School heads are expected to make necessary arrangements ensuring that classes handled by the teachers involved will be taken care of by other teachers.

Other details of the above information are in the enclosures.

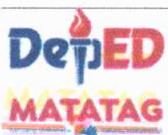
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
SCHOOL HEADS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : **ATTY. ~~FATIMA LIPP D.~~ PANONTONGAN**  
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

SUBJECT : **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE VIEWING OF THE FILM THE  
SONG OF THE FIREFLIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
SCHOOLS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES**

DATE : **July 24, 2025**

The Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the transformative power of music and the resilience of Filipino youth.

Inspired by true events, the film **The Song of the Fireflies** tells the story of the Loboc Children's Choir, an ensemble of children from a remote and idyllic town in Bohol who, guided by a devoted teacher-trainer, discover their potential through music. The Film portrays how young people can overcome adversity through passion, talent, and community support.

With its rich educational themes, the film offers meaningful opportunities to enhance classroom discussions in values education, music, and Filipino culture.

In this regard, DepEd finds it appropriate to allow learners of suitable age and maturity to view the film under the discretion and guidance of school heads and teachers. Such viewings shall be conducted in accordance with existing DepEd policies, including but not limited to the **No Collection Policy**.<sup>1</sup>

For your guidance and appropriate action.

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<sup>1</sup> DepEd Order No. 19, s. 2008, Implementation of No Collection Policy in All Public Elementary and Secondary Schools