



# Republic of the Philippines

## Department of Education

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### **M E S S A G E**

On behalf of the Department of Education (DepEd), I commend the entire DepEd Regional Office III family for coming up with “SurvivALS”, the first regional publication about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) which highlights various accomplishments, data, and success stories of ALS teachers, learners, and completers.

In the midst of disinformation and misinformation, this publication is an opportune response to the increasing demand for quality information which is essential in sound policy formulation, pragmatic decision-making, strategic programming and planning geared towards addressing the challenge of quality in basic education.

We thank you for being responsive to our mandate of providing out-of-school children, youth, and adults population with the chance to have access to and complete basic education. We likewise are grateful for your continued support most especially now that we stand at the intersection of great challenge and opportunity as we pivot our focus from access to quality basic education in the Philippines.

We wish you continued success in your noble endeavors of positively transforming lives, improving communities, and propelling change by bringing quality, relevant, and liberating education to the underprivileged, voiceless, and marginalized members of society.

Finally, we hope that you will continue your commitment to delivering quality, accessible, relevant, and liberating basic education for all Filipino learners.

*Sama-sama sa pagsulong ng EduKalidad! Mabuhay!*

  
**LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES**  
*Secretary*