



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF MUNTINLUPA CITY

Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent

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**MEMORANDUM**

**2026 MUNTINLUPA'S RESPONSIBLE 18 (R-18) MONTH CELEBRATION**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisor, Curriculum Implementation Division  
Chief Education Supervisor, School Governance and Operations Division  
Public and Private Secondary School Heads/OICs  
All Others Concerned

- Attached is a letter from Ms. Jan Nhette Ahya Dancel-Parfan, Youth Division Head, Youth Affairs and Sports Development Office (YASDO), dated February 16, 2026, on the above-captioned title. The said event will be hosted by the City Government of Muntinlupa, through the coordinated efforts of various offices. This annual observance includes qualified in-school and out-of-school youth who are turning eighteen (18) this year (born in 2008) as a celebration of their adulthood conducted every April, in accordance with the amended City Ordinance No. 2023-137, which establishes Muntinlupa's Responsible 18 (R-18) Month.
- With this, all public and private secondary schools are directed to give their full support to the said celebration by accomplishing the following:
  - Submit a softcopy of the **list of students who will be turning 18 this year (born in 2008)**, and the **list of Responsible-18 focal persons per school** for coordination, including their phone numbers, email addresses, and Facebook accounts, to be submitted on or before **February 27, 2026**, through the email: [muntinlupaydo@gmail.com](mailto:muntinlupaydo@gmail.com).
  - Actively participate in the Muntinlupa Responsible-18 Month celebration and related activities.
- In addition, the copy of the mentioned city ordinance, relative activity schedule, guidelines, and entry forms are attached for information, guidance, and perusal.
- Moreover, the participation of public and private schools shall be subject to the no disruption of classes policy stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled, Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.
- Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**VIOLETA M. GONZALES CESO VI**

Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Officer-In-Charge  
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: As stated

References: None

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under the following subjects:  
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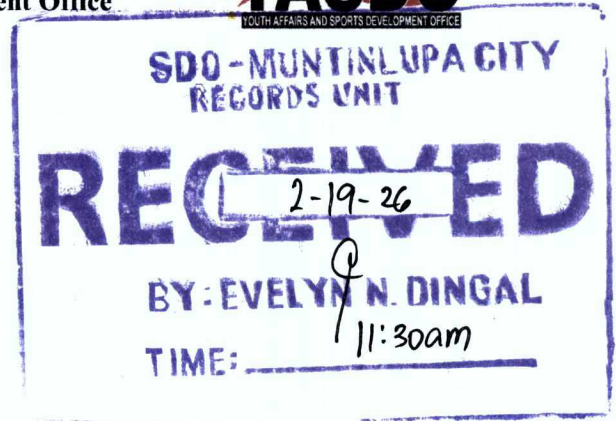
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**Youth Affairs and Sports Development Office**



Ref. No: YDO-2026-088

February 16, 2026

**Dr. VIOLETA M. GONZALES**  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Officer-In-Charge  
**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT**  
Muntinlupa City



Dear Dr. Gonzales,

Pursuant to the amended **City Ordinance No. 2023-137, which establishes Muntinlupa's Responsible 18 (R-18) Month**, all residents of Muntinlupa who reach eighteen (18) years of age are encouraged to participate in the celebration of their adulthood every April. This annual observance includes qualified students excused from school, as well as youth who may not be enrolled in any school but are turning 18 this year (born in 2008).


The City Government of Muntinlupa, through the coordinated efforts of various offices, will host the Muntinlupa Responsible-18 2026 celebration. The planned activities include the **Muntinlupa Youth Summit, Dance Competition, Hiraya Fair, Career and Opportunities Expo, Volunteerism Expo, and R-18 Concert.**

In this regard, we respectfully ask your support and kind approval for the **issuance of a Division Office Memorandum** for all public Junior and Senior High Schools in Muntinlupa to:

- A. Submit a softcopy **list of students who will be turning 18 this year (born in 2008)** and to be submitted on or before February 27, 2026, through our email [muntinlupaydo@gmail.com](mailto:muntinlupaydo@gmail.com).
- B. Actively participate in the Muntinlupa Responsible-18 Month celebration and related activities.
- C. Submit a **list of Responsible-18 focal persons** per school for coordination, including their phone numbers, email addresses, and Facebook accounts.

For your reference, we have attached copies of the ordinance, as well as the schedule and guidelines for the dance activities. Your support and timely action on this request will greatly contribute to the successful implementation of R-18 Month and the engagement of our youth in meaningful activities.

Thank you very much for your continued cooperation and support.

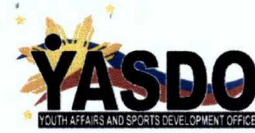
Respectfully yours,  
  
**JAN NHETTE AHYA DANCEL-PARFAN**  
Youth Division Head, YASDO

Ground Floor, Southpark Center, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City, Philippines 1770





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**2026 MUNTINLUPA'S RESPONSIBLE-18 MONTH CELEBRATION  
ACTIVITIES**

DATE	ACTIVITY	REMARKS
On or before <b>February 27, 2026</b>	Submission of data of students who will be reaching the age of 18 this year (born 2008)	Email to: muntinlupaydo@gmail.com
On or before <b>March 3, 2026</b>	Deadline of Confirmation for R18 Dance Competition	To guarantee your spot in the competition, you need to send a letter of intent duly signed by School Head to muntinlupaydo@gmail.com
<b>March 6-13, 2026</b>	Pre-registration (Participation in Muntinlupa R18 Youth Summit Pep Talk)	Email to: muntinlupaydo@gmail.com
<b>March 6, 2026</b> 1:00 PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Submission of Accomplished Entry Form with complete requirements for R18 Dance Competition</li><li>2. Meeting with Coordinator and Choreographer</li></ol>	Hardcopy will be submitted to YASDO Training Center located at: Ayala Malls South Park (Ground Floor)
<b>April 10, 2026</b> 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	R18 Youth Summit (Pep Talk)	Venue: Filinvest Tent, Filinvest Alabang  Coordination for transportation will be given by YASDO Youth Division (per District)
<b>April 10, 2026</b> 2:00 PM	R18 Dance Competition <i>Theme: Social Issues facing by Youth Today</i>	Venue: Filinvest Tent, Filinvest Alabang
<b>April 15, 2026</b> 8:00 AM	R-18 Volunteerism Expo   Open to all Students and Community Leaders	Venue: Alabang Central Market
<b>April 15, 2026</b> 1:00 PM	Career and Opportunity Expo   100 Participants	Venue: Sucat Senior High School
<b>April 23, 2026</b> 1:00 PM	Hiraya Fair   Open to all Students and Community Leaders	Venue: Central Park, Filinvest
<b>April 25, 2026</b>	R-18 Concert	Venue: Filinvest Ground, Alabang

Ground Floor, Southpark Center, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City, Philippines 1770







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**Principal's Name and Signature**

Ground Floor, Southpark Center, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City, Philippines 1770





## **2026 R-18 DANCE COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

### **1. Eligibility**

The competition is open to all in-school youth from both public and private high schools in Muntinlupa City. Participants must be bona fide students who are currently enrolled and aged 15–18 years old.

### **2. Group Composition**

Each participating group must consist of 15 to 20 members, composed of both male and female dancers.

### **3. Theme**

The theme for the R18 Dance Contest shall highlight and creatively interpret the pressing issues faced by today's youth, using dance as a platform for awareness, social reflection, and artistic expression with purpose and relevance.

### **4. Requirements**

Participants must submit the following:

- Fully accomplished Entry Form
- Any valid document indicating the participant's date of birth (e.g., School ID or Birth Certificate)

### **5. Group Eligibility**

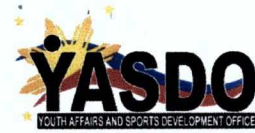
- All participating groups must be officially recognized and endorsed by the school they represent.
- Only one (1) group per school is allowed.
- The Official Entry Form must be duly signed by the School Principal and submitted together with complete documentary requirements. Any falsification, misrepresentation, or tampering of submitted documents shall result in automatic disqualification from the competition.

### **6. Deadline of Submission**

- Entries must be submitted on or before March 6, 2026 through:
  - Email: [muntinlupaydo@gmail.com](mailto:muntinlupaydo@gmail.com)
  - Hard Copy: Youth Division Office, Ground Floor Level, Ayala Mall South Park

### **7. Confirmation of Participants**

For time management and logistical purposes, participation is **limited to the first fifteen (15) entries only**, on a first-come, first-served basis. Confirmation requires submission of a Letter of Intent to Participate duly signed by school principal on or before March 6, 2026 to secure a slot.



### 8. Competition Mechanics

- Performance duration must be minimum of 5 minutes and maximum of 7 minutes, including entrance and exit.
- Music may be remixed but must be relevant to the theme.
- Music must be submitted to YASDO Youth Division on or before April 8, 2026.
- Choreography must clearly reflect the theme.
- Dangerous stunts and hazardous props such as oil, gasoline, glass, sharp objects, and similar materials are strictly prohibited.
- All participating groups must clear the stage of their props and materials immediately after their performance to maintain order and avoid delays in the program. Participants must maintain proper conduct and discipline at all times.
- The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

### 9. Criteria for Judging

CRITERIA	PERCENTAGE
Theme Interpretation and Advocacy Impact	30%
Technique and Precision	25%
Synchronization and Group Dynamics	15%
Stage Presence and Emotional Delivery	15%
Creativity and Concept Innovation	10%
Crowd Impression	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 10. Committee Authority

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to review, revise, or modify these guidelines when necessary for the benefit of the competition and participants. Any changes will be properly communicated and acknowledged.

### 11. Call Time

All teams must check in at the venue at their designated registration time for briefing and draw lots. Late arrivals may be subject to disqualification.

### 12. Prizes

- 1st Place: ₱30,000
- 2nd Place: ₱25,000
- 3rd Place: ₱20,000
- Consolation Prize: ₱5,000 per participating group

For inquiries and further information, please contact **Conrad M. Reyes** at **0927-738-0200**, or visit the **Youth Division Office** located at the Ground Floor Level of **Ayala Malls South Park, Alabang**.





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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-137**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 19-038 TO BE "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MUNTINLUPA'S RESPONSIBLE-18 (R-18) FESTIVAL REQUIRING ALL MUNTINLUPA RESIDENTS WHO ARE EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR ADULTHOOD EVERY MONTH OF APRIL AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER"**

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**Sponsored by:** *Hon. Coun. Engr. Arlene D. Hilapo*  
*Hon. Coun. Atty. Raul R. Corro*  
*Hon. Coun. Alexson V. Diaz*  
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*Hon. Coun. Jonas Angelo L. Abadilla*  
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**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 3 of the Philippine Constitution, Declaration of Principles and State Policies, declares that, *"the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. it shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."*

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 17 of the Philippine Constitution declares that, *"the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote total human liberation and development."*

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 19-038 was enacted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panglungsod of Muntinlupa on December 16, 2019 and approved by then **City Mayor, Atty. Jaime R. Fresnedi** on **December 19, 2019**;

**WHEREAS**, the said Ordinance established the month of February every year to be the "Responsible-18 (R-18) Month" in the City of Muntinlupa;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Muntinlupa wants to change the R-18 Month from February of every year to April of every year in order to fully plan and prepare for the celebration of R-18 in Muntinlupa City;





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**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Muntinlupa would also like to turn the R-18 Month Celebration into the first Festival of the City to highlight the importance of **"Coming of Age"** for those who reach the age of majority and ensure that young adults become aware of their rights and obligations to become reliable citizens of the city who can contribute to its growth and development as they also become aware of the city's cultural heritage and its hidden gems;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Muntinlupa is desirous of celebrating the R-18 month every April in order to give more time to involve more government offices, non-government organizations, civic organizations and schools in the celebration of adulthood of those who will turn eighteen years old every year and to be able to gather more resources for the series of events to be held during the R-18 Month Celebration;

**WHEREAS**, the R-18 Festival shall be a cultural festival to celebrate adulthood of its children who are about to become adults through various activities, such as, but not limited to, parades, theatrical plays, promotion of the city's landmarks, tourist areas and its products, concerts, competitions, pageants, various games and contests, that will strengthen their appreciation of Muntinlupa City and the role they play in preserving its heritage and enriching its culture.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED**, by the 10<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod, in Session Assembled that:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of City Council Ordinance No. 19-038 is hereby amended as follows:

**"Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Ordinance Establishing the Muntinlupa's Responsible-18 (R-18) Festival requiring all Muntinlupa Residents who are Eighteen (18) Years of Age to Participate in the Celebration of their Adulthood Every Month of April and Every Year Thereafter."**

**SECTION 2.** Section 3 of City Council Ordinance No. 19-038 is hereby amended as follows:

**"Section 3. Establishment of the Responsible-18 Festival – The month of April every year thereafter shall be declared as the "Responsible-18 (R-18) Festival " in the City of Muntinlupa."**

**SECTION 3.** Section 5 of City Council Ordinance No. 19-038 is hereby amended as follows:

**"Section 5. Activities and Programs of the R-18 Festival. General and possible activities/programs during the R-18 Festival include, but is not limited to, seminar on career, values formation, concerts, contests, parades, pageants, promotion of landmarks and tourist areas, promotion of Muntinlupa products, activities about the city's cultural heritage and history, financial literacy, legal briefer, leadership seminar, mental health and wellness, GST101.**

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**SECTION 4. Incentive.** To enforce the requirement of this ordinance, the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Muntinlupa (PLMUN) and the Colegio ng Muntinlupa (CDM), shall come up with incentives for their students who participate in the April activities. Private colleges and universities shall likewise come up with the same incentives. Such incentive shall be coordinated with the Munting Yakap City Program (MYCP) Committee for inclusion in the MY Points provided in ordinance no. 2022-351 which was enacted on april 27, 2022. The Munting Yakap City Program (MYCP) Committee shall come up with incentives program for those students who study in college and university of the City of Muntinlupa

**SECTION 5.** The original provision on Appropriations shall become Section 8 of the R-18 Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** The original provision on Information and Educational Campaign shall become Section 9 of the R-18 Ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** The original provision on Effectivity shall become **Section 10** of the R-18 Ordinance.

**SECTION 8. Repealing Clause** - Any previously issued executive order or local ordinance found inconsistent with the provisions found herein shall be deemed repealed, revoked, or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause** - This Ordinance shall take effect after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

**ENACTED** by the 10<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Muntinlupa this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023, on its 4<sup>th</sup> Special Session.

CONCURRED:

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**COUN. JONAS ANGELO L. ABADILLA**  
 President  
 Federation of Sangguniang Kabataan

**I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.**

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**CECILIA C. LAZARTE**  
 Secretary to the Sanggunian



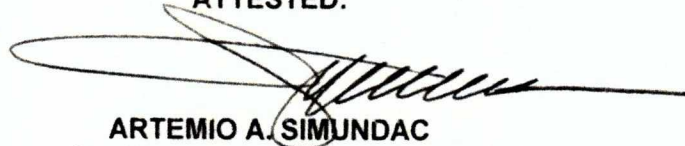


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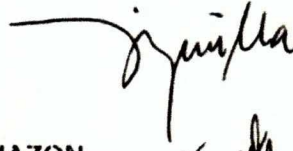
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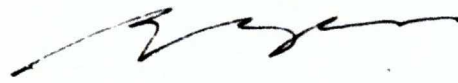
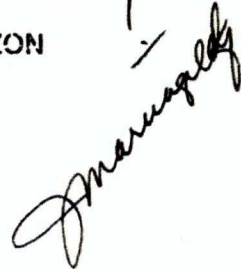
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APPROVED:



**ROZZANO RUFINO B. BIAZON**  
City Mayor

Date: 05 DEC 2023



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