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Department of Education
REGION IV-A CALABARZON



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**INTENSIFYING GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING
PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS**

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In reference to Republic Act No. 11036, s. 2018¹ “Mental Health Act of 2018,” and DM-OUCI-2021-055² “Guidance on the Counseling and Referral System for S.Y. 2021-2022,” this Office through the Field Technical Assistance Division reiterates the intensification of guidance and counseling programs in all schools.
2. This aims to address the needs of learner rights and protection and to ensure effective implementation of intervention programs and mental health services including counseling activities.
3. In connection with the promotion of mental health in educational institutions under RA 11036 otherwise known as the mental health act of 2018, which is to raise awareness on mental health issues, identified and provide support and services for individuals at risk, and facility access, including referral mechanisms of individual with mental health conditions to treatment and psychosocial support, and the responsibilities of the School as stipulated in DM-OUCI-2021-055, the School Head shall:
 - a. Designate a guidance advocate in the absence of a Registered Guidance Counselor
4. In view thereof, all School Heads must designate a Registered Guidance Counselor/Guidance Advocate to fulfill the responsibilities as stipulated in RA 11036 and DM-OUCI-2021-055.

¹ Mental Health Act of 2018

² Guidance on the Counseling and Referral System for S.Y. 2021-2022




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5. For clarifications, kindly contact Chief Michael Girard R. Alba via email michael.alba@deped.gov.ph.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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