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Regional Memorandum

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REITERATION OF POLICIES AND GUIDELINES IN PROMOTING SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF LEARNERS WITHIN SCHOOL PREMISES

To: Schools Division Superintendents

- 1. In reference to the MATATAG Agenda of the Department of Education, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division reiterates one of the strategic directions to take good care of learners by promoting learner wellbeing, inclusive education, and a positive learning environment.
- 2. Relative to this, the Schools Division Offices shall promote the implementation of programs, projects, and activities that address disaster preparedness and mitigation in schools in compliance with DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2015¹.
- 3. The School Governance and Operations Division through Division Engineers or deployed Engineers and Architects under Contract of Service and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management focal person shall provide technical assistance to the schools in assessing the safety of school buildings and other facilities and providing school safety plan.
- 4. School heads shall be instructed to encourage learners to identify and address hazards and risks as mandated by DepEd Order No. 23, s. 2015².
- 5. Enclosed is the recommended Hazard Mapping template for quarterly submission of schools to the Schools Division Offices, starting June 30, 2024.
- 6. For more information or queries, please contact Chief Eduarda M. Zapanta, Engr. Jamaica Rose G. Rolloque or Wilbert C. Ulpindo of Education Support Services Division at (02) 8682 2114 local 430.
- 7. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are highly desired.

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 $^{\mathrm{1}}$ The Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) in Education Framework

² Student-Led School Watching and Hazard Mapping

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SCHOOL WATCHING CHECKLIST (Reference: Annex A of DO 23, s. 2015)				
School Name:		,	I	Date when the survey is
				conducted
School ID:			17	Date Submitted to SDOs
D	Broken window		U	Broken/dilapidated ceiling
	Slippery pathw	•		Open/incomplete perimeter
				fence
Heavy objects mounted or		mounted on top	Ð	Presence of stray animals
of cabinets/shelves			inside the school campus	
0			\Box	Presence of electrical
O	☐ Busted plugs/light			post/transformer near or
	bulbs/electrical facilities			within the school perimeter
U	mipood dioddiodd wildo			No system of release to parents
	Protruding nails in chairs and			during emergencies
	tables			No posted emergency hotlines
	Broken door k	nobs		around the school
C)	Warning sign:		i.]	Garbage Area (Segregation of
	pathways/corr			Biodegradable and Non-
		d on the building		Biodegradable)
	railings			Detached or peeled off GI sheet
	Flooding		Ü	Broken toilet bowl and/or sinks
0		icals and liquids		Broken chairs/desks/tables
۵	Lack/absence	of storage for	O	Blocked/no emergency exits
	equipment			Unmounted cabinets/shelves
Ü			n	Medical kits in every
Ü	Dripping ceiling		_	classrooms
	- • · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			Bells/alarms
	Stagnant water		1.1	Condemnable building (i.e. very
U	Unpruned			old structure, collapsing
	trees/bushes/	shrubs		building and/or prominent
E	Open/Clogged	canals		cracks on classroom walls)
	No ramps for e	levated school	1.1	Others (List as many as
	buildings or other			possible
9	Swing-in doors			
Proposed Actions to be Taken:				
Drongrad by				
Prepared by:				
School Watching Team				
Noted:				
School Head				