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Department of Education
REGION IV-A CALABARZON

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Regional Memorandum
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STRUCTURAL VALIDATION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN PREPARATION FOR THE POSSIBLE "BIG ONE" EARTHQUAKE

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In reference to the DepEd Memorandum DM-OUHROD-2025-2872 dated September 12, 2025¹, this Office informs the Schools Division Offices of the conduct of joint structural validation and safety assessments of DepEd school infrastructure projects.
2. This activity aims to assess the structural soundness of school buildings and strengthen preparedness measures in anticipation of the possible "Big One" earthquake.
3. Relative to this, the Schools Division Offices (SDO) are instructed to do the following:
 - a. Coordinate closely with the Department of Public Works and Highways – District Engineering Offices and the Local Government Unit Building Officials to jointly schedule and conduct on-site structural building validations;
 - b. Accomplish the Validation Form through this link: <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/K87osMvd> to ensure standardized data collection and reporting, within fifteen (15) working days from receipt of this Memorandum; and
 - c. Prioritize school sites located within or near active fault lines, liquefaction-prone zones, or other high-risk areas as identified in PHIVOLCS and GeoRiskPH hazard maps.
4. Attached is the aforementioned Memorandum for reference.
5. For more information or queries, please contact Chief Eduarda M. Zapanta or Engr. Jamaica Rose G. Rolloque of Education Support Services Division at (02) 8682 – 2114 local 430.

¹ Structural Validation of School Buildings in Preparation for the Possible "Big One" Earthquake



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6. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are highly desired.


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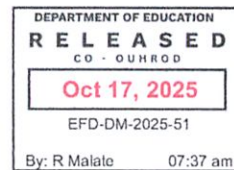


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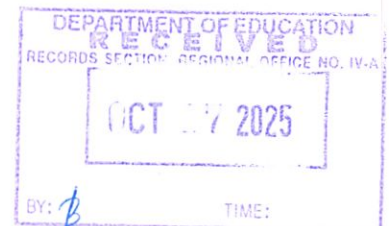


MEMORANDUM DM-OUHROD-2025-2872

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
REGIONAL AND DIVISION ENGINEERS
DEPED PROJECT ENGINEERS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED
(Region III, Region IV-A, and National Capital Region)

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SUBJECT : **STRUCTURAL VALIDATION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN
PREPARATION FOR THE POSSIBLE "BIG ONE" EARTHQUAKE**

DATE : 15 October 2025

In view of the recent typhoons and earthquakes that affected various areas of the country, this Department emphasizes the importance of ensuring the continued safety and structural integrity of all school buildings, particularly those implemented under the Basic Education Facilities Fund (BEFF) – New Construction of Classrooms.

This memorandum seeks to initiate joint structural validation and safety assessments of DepEd school infrastructure projects, in close coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Local Government Unit (LGU) Building Officials. These validations aim to assess the structural soundness of school buildings and strengthen preparedness measures in anticipation of the possible "Big One" earthquake.

The initial phase of the validation shall cover priority areas, namely **Bulacan (including cities within), Laguna (including cities within), and the National Capital Region (NCR)**. These provinces and regions have been identified as high-

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risk zones based on their proximity to the West Valley Fault and other major fault lines.

In this regard, the concerned Regional Offices are instructed to do the following:

1. Coordinate closely with their respective DPWH Regional and District Engineering Offices and the LGU Building Officials to jointly schedule and conduct on-site structural building validations;
2. Accomplish the Validation Form through this link: <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/K87osMvd> to ensure standardized data collection and reporting, within fifteen (15) working days from receipt of this memorandum; and
3. Prioritize school sites located within or near active fault lines, liquefaction-prone zones, or other high-risk areas as identified in PHIVOLCS and GeoRiskPH hazard maps.

The EFD shall provide technical guidance, consolidate all regional submissions, and coordinate with the DPWH and concerned LGUs for necessary follow-through actions based on the validation results.

Should you have any concerns or clarifications concerning this matter, please feel free to coordinate with the EFD at telephone number **8638-7110** or email address efd.od@deped.gov.ph. Alternatively, you may also coordinate with **Engr. Martin Joseph R. Sundo** through **+639391354659** or martin.sundo@deped.gov.ph.

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