



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION IV-A CALABARZON



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**Regional Memorandum**

No. 254 s. 2026

**ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL DRRM AND SAFETY  
READINESS TRACKER**

To **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In reference to the OSEC Memorandum<sup>1</sup> and DepEd DRRMS Advisory<sup>2</sup>, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), directs all concerned field offices to disseminate and accomplish the Google Form survey relative to Project HANDA: DepEd School Readiness 2026.
2. Project HANDA aims to ensure a smooth, orderly, and safe opening of classes. The DRRM activities are as follows:
  - A. Identify schools for CCTV installation – large, high-traffic schools and those with security or learner protection concerns.
  - B. Install metal detectors<sup>3</sup> in high-risk, high-density areas.  
Target installation period: April 13–19, 2026 (Health Week)
  - C. Update School DRRM Plans, hazard maps, and preposition EduKahon kits.
  - D. Check availability of emergency supplies and safety equipment in accordance with DepEd Order No. 23, s. 2015.
  - E. Conduct readiness checks for disaster-prone schools.
3. School Division Offices DRRM Coordinators shall disseminate the form to schools and submit the consolidated proof of reports no later than April 15, 2026.

Google form link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjz3-tvVKHAD-rOecZkquwibvzQdYJcM2BlscvE4jW4QNJaw/viewform>

4. For inquiries, contact Dr. Eduarda M. Zapanta, Chief Education Supervisor, and/or Dr. Ramil G. Ginete, Project Development Officer IV of the Education Support Services Division at (02) 8682-2114 loc 430 or email [essd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph](mailto:essd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph).

<sup>1</sup> Project HANDA: DepEd Schools Readiness 2026

<sup>2</sup> DRRMS Advisory – Dissemination of Project HANDA: School DRRM and Safety Readiness Tracker

<sup>3</sup> RM-2025-687: Reiteration on ensuring the safety of Learners in schools through the acquisition of handheld Metal Detector



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5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned personnel is highly desired.

  
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Director IV 

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DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE

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**ADVISORY**

**TO: ALL REGIONAL AND DIVISION DRRM COORDINATORS**

**FROM: *Felino O. Castro V***  
**FELINO O. CASTRO V**  
*Director IV*  
*Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service*

**SUBJECT: DISSEMINATION OF PROJECT HANDA: SCHOOL DRRM AND SAFETY READINESS TRACKER**

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In compliance with the OSEC Memorandum dated March 24, 2026, regarding Project HANDA: DepEd Schools Readiness 2026, all Regional and Division DRRM Coordinators are hereby instructed to immediately disseminate the Project HANDA: School DRRM and Safety Readiness Tracker online survey form to all schools under their respective jurisdictions.

The designated School DRRM Coordinator or official must accomplish this simple survey, which is accessible via the QR Code provided below. Completion of the survey requires the submission of supporting proof of reports not later than 15 April 2026.

Action Required:

1. Ensure that all schools within your area of responsibility are informed of this survey and undertake their required disposition not later than 13 April 2026.
2. For Regions and Divisions that have already conducted their own data collection on this subject, please forward a copy of the complete dataset in .csv format via email to [drms@deped.gov.ph](mailto:drms@deped.gov.ph) not later than 14 April 2026.

Your immediate cooperation on this matter is highly appreciated.



Project HANDA: School DRRM and Safety  
Readiness Tracker




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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** Executive Committee Members  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

**FROM :**   
**ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**  
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff  
Office of the Secretary

**SUBJECT :** Project HANDA: DepEd School Readiness 2026

**DATE :** March 24, 2026



In preparation for the upcoming school year 2026–2027, the Department of Education directs all concerned strands and offices to undertake the necessary preparatory activities to ensure a smooth and timely opening of classes.

All concerned strands and offices are instructed to review their respective plans, programs, and deliverables, and to coordinate closely with relevant offices to ensure the efficient delivery of educational services. Compliance with the timelines specified in **Annex A** of this Memorandum is required to ensure overall system readiness for the incoming school year.

Progress updates and status reports shall be submitted in accordance with the reporting schedule indicated in Annex A. Any issues or concerns that may affect compliance with the prescribed timelines must be promptly communicated to this Office for appropriate guidance and support.

For strict compliance.

Memorandum Office, DepEd Complex, Pasig City  
March 24, 2026



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**Annex A**

**Project HANDA: DepEd School Readiness 2026**

**A. School Infrastructure and Facilities**

- Conduct inspections of schools to assess:
  - Furniture requiring replacement
  - Electrical wiring conditions
  - Structural integrity, especially in high-risk areas**Deadline:** April 15, 2026
  
- Prepare and submit a list of priority repairs; implement immediate fixes where feasible.  
**Deadline:** April 30, 2026 (submission); immediate fixes ongoing until May 30, 2026.
  
- Inspect water supply, toilets, and handwashing facilities; prioritize critical WASH repairs.  
**Deadline:** April 15, 2026 (inspection); May 30, 2026 (repairs).
  
- Prioritize LCS new construction for completion by the end of May.  
**Deadline:** May 30, 2026

**B. Sites and Expansion**

- Validate additional sites for schools division offices with no available or insufficiently validated sites  
**Deadline:** April 30, 2026
  
- Submit updated inventory and status of all proposed sites.  
**Deadline:** April 30, 2026
  
- Identify potential sites for leasing or purchase.  
**Deadline:** May 15, 2026
  
- Coordinate with local government units (LGUs) and partners for available land or facilities.  
**Deadline:** May 30, 2026

**C. Safety and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM)**

- Identify priority schools for:
  - CCTV: Large, high-traffic schools; with security concerns (e.g., Learner Protection Concerns). Schools are also highly encouraged to procure CCTVs to monitor the safety and security of learners.**Deadline:** April 10, 2026

- Metal detectors: High-risk, high-density areas  
**Deadline:** April 10, 2026 (to allow installation in selected schools in connection with Health Week from April 13 to 19, 2026).
  - Update school DRRM plans and hazard maps and pre-position EduKahon kits.  
**Deadline:** May 15, 2026
  - Check availability of emergency supplies and safety equipment.  
**Deadline:** May 15, 2026
  - Conduct readiness checks for disaster-prone schools.  
**Deadline:** May 30, 2026
- D. Digital Readiness and Connectivity**
- Identify priority schools for Wi-Fi (Khan Academy): those with the largest learning gaps and available devices, but no reliable internet.  
**Deadline:** April 30, 2026
  - Conduct inventory of all devices (tablets, laptops, TVs) and assess functionality. At present, 78% of schools have submitted data.  
**Deadline:** March 30, 2026
  - Identify needs for repair, redistribution, or augmentation.  
**Deadline:** May 15, 2026
  - Pre-load learning resources (offline content where applicable).  
**Deadline:** May 30, 2026
- E. School-Based Feeding Program**
- Map local food sources (farmers, cooperatives, suppliers) per division.  
**Deadline:** April 30, 2026
  - Coordinate with the Department of Agriculture, LGUs, and local producers for partnerships.  
**Deadline:** May 15, 2026
  - Identify cost-efficient and sustainable supply options, including Gulayan sa Paaralan.  
**Deadline:** May 15, 2026
  - Prepare division-level sourcing plans prior to school opening.  
**Deadline:** May 30, 2026
- F. Senior High School/Technical-Vocational-Livelihood Readiness**
- Validate availability of workshops, tools, and equipment for Technical-Vocational-Livelihood (TVL) tracks.  
**Deadline:** April 30, 2026
  - Coordinate with TESDA for assessment and certification support.  
**Deadline:** May 15, 2026

- Engage industry partners for immersion and employment opportunities.  
**Deadline:** May 30, 2026
- Firm up industry Mapping: Cross-reference the specific TVL specializations offered by schools with the actual labor needs in the local municipality/city to ensure high employability for graduates.  
**Deadline:** May 10, 2026
- Finalize details on additional (Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses) MOOE support for Strengthened Senior High School (SSHS) Pilot schools in support of Technical-Professional (TechPro) Elective offerings  
**Deadline:** May 15, 2026

#### **G. Partnerships and Brigada Eskwela Mobilization**

- Pre-identify school needs (repairs, cleaning, materials) based on inspection results.  
**Deadline:** April 30, 2026
- Secure early commitments from LGUs, private partners, and volunteers.  
**Deadline:** May 15, 2026
- Align Brigada Eskwela efforts with priority repairs and classroom readiness.  
**Deadline:** May 30, 2026

#### **H. Learning Readiness**

- Prioritize target learning outcomes based on assessment results and identified learning gaps  
**Deadline:** April 25, 2026
- Issue a call for tutors and volunteers, aligned with targeted learning competency gaps.  
**Deadline:** April 30, 2026
- Conduct an inventory of remediation packages and resources.  
**Deadline:** May 15, 2026
- Match and deploy resources to schools requiring remediation support, based on learners' assessed needs and desired learning outcomes
- **Deadline:** May 30, 2026

#### **I. Progress Reporting:**

- Initial report: April 15, 2026
- Mid-point report: May 15, 2026
- Final report: May 30, 2026



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15 September 2025

**Regional Memorandum**  
No. 687, s. 2025

**REITERATION ON ENSURING THE SAFETY OF LEARNERS  
IN SCHOOLS THROUGH ACQUISITION OF HANDHELD  
METAL DETECTOR**

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In reference to DepEd Memorandum OSEC-2025-003<sup>1</sup>, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division, reiterates the aforementioned subject.
2. This initiative aims to enhance the protection of learners, teachers, and staff by proactively addressing potential threats and ensuring a safe learning environment as well as to emphasize the duties and responsibilities of both personnel and learners to refrain from committing acts of violence and possessing illegal articles such as gun/firearm, bladed weapons, drugs, pornographic materials, poison, cigarettes, and other similar paraphernalia.
3. Relative to this, all schools are expected to coordinate with their respective local offices for guidance on procurement, installation, and proper usage of the equipment more specifically the handheld metal detectors.
4. The proposed technical specifications is attached as **Annex A**. Moreover, all Schools Division Offices/Schools are given the opportunity to determine or provide their own technical specifications in accordance with their identified needs and priorities subject to the existing rules and regulations and shall be charged against school MOOE/local DRRM fund/any available fund, subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations of the Department.
5. For further details, you may contact the Alternate Learner Rights and Protection Focal Person, Ms. Rochelle May M. Nisola via email at [rochellemay.nisola@deped.gov.ph](mailto:rochellemay.nisola@deped.gov.ph).
6. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.

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<sup>1</sup> Reminders on Ensuring the Safety of Learners in Schools



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### Annex A: Proposed Technical Specifications

Features	Specifications
Control Switch	One switch (On/Off) Interference Elimination Momentary Switch
Battery	9V NiMH rechargeable battery provides 60 hours of normal use and 20 hours on each 12-hour recharge
Operating temperature	-37° C – 70° C
Humidity	Noncondensing
Audio frequency	2kHz Warble
Indicators	Speaker / Headset LED Alert lights Green: On Amber: Battery low Red: ALARM condition
Dimensions	Width: ± 8 cm Thickness: ± 4 cm Length: ± 42 cm Weight: ± 500g
Warranty	Limited, 24 months parts and labor
Accessories	Rechargeable battery kit - 220V Earphone Leather belt loop harness Belt holder Users manual

