DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 366, series of 2017

REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 44, SERIES OF 2005
(DECLARATION OF SCHOOLS AS ZONES OF PEACE)

TO: Public Schools District Supervisors
    Elementary, Junior and Senior High School Heads
    School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Coordinators

June 8, 2017

1. Due to the recent incidents of violence and armed conflict affecting thousands of people all over the country as well as the threat of various armed groups for continued assaults, the Department deems it essential and timely to reiterate DepEd Order No. 44, s. 2005 which is compliant to both Republic Act 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act) and Republic Act 10821 (Children’s Emergency Relief and Protection Act).

2. The aforementioned DepEd Order declares Schools as Zones of Peace. All schools are instructed to post the official tarpaulin designs (attached) declaring Schools as Zones of Peace, at least two on both sides of the school front gate, and all other sides of or around the school to make the message prominent and noticeable.

3. Attached is the Unnumbered Memorandum entitled “Reiteration of DepEd Order No. 44, s. 2005 (Declaration of Schools as Zones of Peace)” dated June 4, 2017 signed by Alain Del B. Pascua, Undersecretary.

4. The softcopy of this Memorandum and the tarpaulin can be accessed online at www.depeddigoscity.org/memo and http://www.depeddigoscity.org/downloads/.

5. Wide and prompt dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

For and in the absence of:

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The aforementioned DO declares **Schools as Zones of Peace**.

In light of this, the following are instructed:

- All schools in the aforementioned regions are instructed to post the official tarpaulin designs (attached) declaring Schools as Zones of Peace, at least two on both sides of the school front gate, and on all other sides of or around the school to make the message prominent and noticeable;
- Division and Regional Offices should assist in the reproduction of the aforementioned tarpaulins for all schools accommodating additional learners and evacuees due to the Marawi City Siege and ensure that these school have posted the said posters; and
- The Department enjoins all personnel, stakeholders and the community as a whole to actively participate and/or establish peace building initiatives to ensure the safety of our learners, personnel and schools.

For strict compliance.

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**Revised Memorandum**

4 June 2017

FOR:

**ARMM REGIONAL SECRETARY**

**REGIONAL DIRECTORS (REGIONS IX, XI, XII, AND XIII)**

**SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS OF ARMM AND REGIONS IX, X, XI, XII, XIII**

**PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN ARMM AND REGIONS IX, X, XI, XII, XIII**

SUBJECT:

**REITERATION OF DO 44, S. 2005**

**(DECLARATION OF SCHOOLS AS ZONES OF PEACE)**

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