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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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REITERATION OF ISSUANCES TO STRENGTHEN PREPAREDNESS MEASURES, SAFETY AND SECURITY IN SCHOOLS

TO: Division Chiefs (CID & SGOD)
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary, Junior and Senior High School Heads
School DRRM Coordinators

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10121 re: "The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010" through Department of Order No. 50, s. 2011, DepEd created the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Services (DRRMS), as stipulated in one of its charters is tasked to strengthen the resilience of the basic education in the context of natural and human-induced hazard.

2. With the recent incident in Lapu-Lapu City and other untoward events in the country, the Department of Education XI reiterates some policies and guidelines relative to the preparedness measures, security and safety of DepEd personnel, offices, schools and learners.

3. Attached is the unnumbered Memorandum dated March 15, 2019 re: "Reiteration of Issuances to Strengthen Preparedness Measures, Safety and Security in Schools"

4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Schools Division Superintendents

Subject: REITERATION OF ISSUANCES TO STRENGTHEN PREPAREDNESS MEASURES, SAFETY AND SECURITY IN SCHOOLS

Date: March 15, 2019

Pursuant to RA 10121 “The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010,” through Department Order (DO) no. 50, s. 2011, DepEd created the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (DRRMO), which was elevated into Services in 2015. The Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Services (DRRMS), as stipulated in one of its charters is tasked to strengthen the resilience of the basic education in the context of natural and human-induced hazard.

With the recent incident in Lapu-Lapu City and other untoward events in the country, the Department of Education XI reiterates some polices and guidelines relative to the preparedness measures, security and safety of DepEd personnel, offices, schools and learners, to wit:

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<td><strong>DO 83, s. 2011 – Disaster Preparedness Measures for Schools</strong> (issuance: October 28, 2011)</td>
<td>Schools are directed to implement mitigation measures for natural disasters such as typhoons, flooding, landslide and tornadoes and encourage students to involve their families and their communities in preparing for disaster.</td>
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<td><strong>DO 43, s. 2012 – Guidelines on the Implementation of E.O. No. 66 (issuance: May 28, 2012)</strong></td>
<td>Guidelines on the implementation of E.O. No. 66 to streamline the procedure on the suspension of classes and work in government offices of disaster. The guidelines, which shall be observed by regional, division and public and private schools, including the following: Automatic cancellation/suspension of classes; localized cancellation/suspension of classes and work; maintenance work; reporting, announcements; absence of tropical cyclones/storm signal warning and responsibility of parents.</td>
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<td><strong>DO 48, s. 2012 – Quarterly Conduct of the National School Based Earthquake</strong></td>
<td>All public and private schools, and DepEd offices and attached agencies are encouraged to undertake the Quarterly Conduct of the National School Based Earthquake and Fire Drills to generate the highest level of awareness among the public on Disaster Risk</td>
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and Fire Drill (issuance: June 15, 2015) Reduction/Climate Change Adaptation (DRR/CAA) concerns to assess the capacity level of the school and the community in the eventuality of disaster and emergencies.

DO 23, s. 2018 – Student-Led School Watching and Hazard Mapping (issuance: June 16, 2015) All public elementary and secondary schools are required to conduct a student-led school watching and hazard mapping activity every first month of the school year. The order provides the guidelines on Student-Led School Watching and Hazard Mapping that gives minimum instruction on how to begin with the undertaking of the activity.

DO 37, s. 2015 – The Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) in Education Framework. All DRRM interventions at all levels (school, division, region and central) shall be incorporated in the plans of schools and offices as appropriate, and be allocated with necessary budget subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Furthermore, all elementary and secondary public and private schools are requested to strengthen existing rules and policies on school safety such as but not limited to:

- coordinate with the LGUs/Barangays for requesting additional presence of police or barangay tanod in the area;
- instructing students regarding buddy system or go in groups when out in the streets and refrain going to dark places;
- provision of equipment such as Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in school premises strategically;
- prepositioning of emergency first aid and rescue equipment

Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.

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