

Republic of the Philippines Department of Education

REGION I SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF BATAC

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REITERATION OF POLICIES AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST SCHOOL VIOLENCE AND OTHER THREATS TO LEARNER SAFETY

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Chief Education Supervisors Unit and Section Heads Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads All Others Concerned

- In line with the recent issuance of the Department of Education on ascertaining safe and protective learning environments, this Office reminds all schools of their duty to actively implement measures that will prevent violence, abuse and other threats within school communities.
- Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 (Child Protection Policy) and DepEd Order No. 007, s. 2024 (Revised School-Based Management System), every school is expected to uphold policies that protect learners and personnel from harmful practices and to adopt systems that strengthen safety, inclusivity and accountability.
- 3. All schools under this Division are therefore directed to:
 - a. Reinforce security protocols in school premises and regulate entry and exit
 - b. Ascertain that weapons, dangerous items and other prohibited articles are not brought inside the school;
 - c. Address reports of bullying, abuse, discrimination or threats promptly and
 - d. Provide support programs that promote mental health, psychosocial wellbeing, and positive youth development;
 - e. Work closely with LGUs, barangay officials and the PNP in preventing and responding to safety concerns; and,
 - Formulate or improve school safety and contingency plans suited to the local context.
- Schools are likewise encouraged to organize activities that promote peace, respect and overall well-being among learners, staff and stakeholders.

5. For information and guidance.

> ANSELMO R. ALUDINO Schools Division Superintendent

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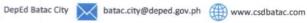




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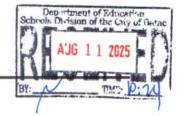






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MEMORANDUM

TO

ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

ALL SCHOOL HEADS

ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM

SONNY ANGARA

Secretary

SUBJECT

REITERATION OF POLICIES AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES

AGAINST SCHOOL VIOLENCE AND OTHER THREATS TO

LEARNER SAFETY

DATE:

August 8, 2025

In view of recent incidents involving school-based violence, the Department of Education (DepEd) reiterates its commitment to maintaining safe and protective learning environments for all learners, teachers, and school personnel. Accordingly, this Memorandum is issued to ensure the heightened vigilance and preparedness of all schools in the face of emerging threats.

Pursuant to DepEd Order (DO) No. 40, s. 2012, titled DepEd Child Protection Policy. all learners and school personnel are prohibited from committing acts of violence, abuse, and exploitation, as well as from introducing into the school premises or otherwise possessing prohibited articles such as deadly weapons, drugs, alcohol, toxic and noxious substances, and pornographic materials, among others.

Moreover, DO 007, s. 2024, titled the Policy Guidelines on the Implementation of the Revised School-Based Management System, likewise underscores the shared duty of school communities to ensure that learning environments are safe, secure, inclusive, resilient, and learner-centered. These principles align with DepEd's broader goal of promoting a culture of peace, mutual respect, and accountability within all schools.

Thus, all regional offices, schools division offices, and schools are directed to intensify the implementation and monitoring of safety measures and violence prevention strategies, including but not limited to the following:

a. Strict enforcement of security protocols, such as the inspection of belongings upon entry to the school, increased visibility of security personnel, and the regulation of access to the school premises through controlled entry and exit points;

- Prohibition of firearms and other prohibited articles within school premises;
- Strengthening of policy implementation and reportorial mechanisms for incidents of child abuse, exploitation, discrimination, violence, threats, bullying, gang and gender-related violence, and other similar cases;
- d. Provision of responsive learner support services, including programs on mental health, youth development, and psychosocial well-being;
- Close coordination with local government units, barangay officials, and the Philippine National Police to monitor external threats and to ensure the safety and security of learners and school personnel;
- f. Development and implementation of localized school safety plans and contingency protocols; and
- g. Other activities that promote the protection and the improvement of the overall well-being of learners, personnel, and other stakeholders.

For your strict compliance.

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