REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. ____________________, s. 2021

2021 PREPAREDNESS MEASURES FOR THE RAINY SEASON
AMIDST COVID 19

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. To ensure the safety of public schools and its assets, the following are to be observed:
   b. Under extreme conditions as provided for in RA 10821 (Children’s Emergency Relief and Protection Act) can schools be used as secondary evacuation centers. As such, precautionary measures for COVID19 shall be practiced in the Evacuation Centers.
   c. NO schools shall be used as Evacuation Center and Quarantine Area/Center for COVID19 at the same time. Disinfection of schools shall be done after serving for either purpose.
   d. In the event that an evacuee in the school manifest COVID19 symptoms, the evacuee shall be transported to the nearest COVID19 Quarantine Area/Center.

2. All activities in compliance with this Memorandum must adhere to the minimum public health standards and Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF)/Department of Health (DOH) protocols.

3. For strict compliance.

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Incl.: As Stated.

Reference: DepED Memorandum No. 108, s.2016
RA 10821- Children’s Emergency Relief and Protection Act
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SAFETY EDUCATION       HEALTH EDUCATION

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PREPAREDNESS MEASURES FOR THE RAINY SEASON

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAG-ASA) released a statement indicating that the onset of the rainy season associated with the Southwest Monsoon (locally known as the Habagat) is now in progress. Meanwhile, weak El Niño condition is present in the Tropical Pacific and is expected to end around the month of July though effects will be lingering, while La Niña conditions are favored to follow during the second half of 2016.

2. With this, the Department of Education (DepEd) enjoins all schools and field offices to observe Preparedness Measures for the Rainy Season. This is to ensure:
   a. increased preparedness and safety of all school personnel and learners; and
   b. safety of school properties, learning materials and vital school records from any possible occurrence of hazards to enable learners’ continued access to education.

3. All staff of schools and offices are advised to do the following:
   a. Ensure that school buildings can withstand heavy rain and strong winds. Anchor the facilities built at ground level with guy wires to strengthen the stability of the structure;
   b. Identify a storage area for safekeeping of learning materials, teachers’ manuals, vital records and equipment (fax, laptops, computers, photocopying, TVs, VCRs, among other machines), preferably on an elevated room to ensure protection from rain or flood;
   c. Turn off and unplug electrical equipment and appliances when not in use;
   d. Equip school with first aid kits, flashlights, megaphones, and other necessary supplies that may be needed in times of emergencies. Ensure that these items can be easily located and accessed;
   e. Prepare the classrooms for possible use as evacuation centers and ensure that the staff-in-charge of the keys are accessible;
   f. Regularly conduct school disaster response-drills or simulations;
   g. Post emergency hotline numbers in classrooms and offices;
   h. Update database of student and their family contact details; and
   i. Prepare contingency plan.
For the DepEd personnel and learners:

a. Educate personnel and learners about weather disturbances, including typhoon signals, rainfall warnings and possible effects and measures to undertake, using the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and PAG-ASA website;

b. Educate school children on preparedness for tropical cyclones, flood and other related hazards; and

c. Educate school children and their parents about health related effects resulting from the rainy season.

4. All are advised to observe strict compliance of DepEd Order (DO) No. 43, s. 2012 entitled Guidelines on the Implementation of Executive Order No. 66, s. 2012 (Prescribing Rules on the Cancellation of Classes and Work in Governance Offices Due to Typhoons, Flooding, Other Weather Disturbances and Calamities).

5. All schools are encouraged to involve the students, their families and communities in preparing for disasters, for this is an effective method of raising their awareness and action about risk education.

6. All DRRM coordinators should maintain an open communication with school officials for any needed assistance. Immediate coordination and reporting of any untoward incident should be observed to provide timely and necessary support.

7. This Memorandum supports DO 83, s. 2011 entitled Disaster Preparedness Measures for Schools, DO 43, 2012 entitled Guidelines on the Implementation of Executive Order No. 66, s. 2012 (Prescribing Rules on the Cancellation of Classes and Work in Government Offices Due to Typhoons, Flooding, Other Weather Disturbances and Calamities) and DM 35, s. 2016 entitled Implementing Brigada Eskwela 2016 which seek to mainstream the implementation of DRRM in the systems and processes of the Department at all levels.

8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

References:
DepEd Order: (Nos. 83, s. 2011, 43, s. 2012)
DepEd Memorandum: (No. 35, s. 2016)

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R-MCR/DM-Prepared Measures for the Rainy Season
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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MEASURES FOR SCHOOLS

1. The disaster risk reduction in education must aim at addressing underlying drivers of disaster risk such as the following: (i) poorly built school structures; (ii) little knowledge of teachers about risks and skills in risk reduction; (iii) low capacity of teachers and administrators in disaster preparedness and response; and (iv) lack of warning mechanisms and absence of risk assessments.

2. Specifically in the schools, where damages of disasters are mostly evident and where effects to children’s education are strongly felt, actions had to be taken to mitigate the effects of disasters.

3. The school personnel should be able to anticipate risks of natural and man-made hazards and to ensure the safety of schools before, during and after an emergency to enable learners’ continued access to education.

4. In view of this, schools are directed to implement the following mitigation measures for natural disasters such as typhoons, flooding, landslides, tornadoes among others:

   a. ensure that the school building can withstand heavy rain and strong winds. Single level schools built at ground level may be anchored by guy wires to strengthen the stability of the structure;

   b. store textbooks, teaching manuals, school records and school equipment (fax machine, laptop, photocopier, TV, VCR and science equipment, etc.) at a safe place, preferably on an elevated room to ensure protection from rain or flood;

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c. learn about typhoon and other weather disturbances, their signs and warnings, effects and dangers and how to protect the school children, records and school properties;

d. educate school children on preparedness for tropical cyclones;

e. regularly conduct school disaster response-drills or simulations; and

f. observe strictly the DepEd policies on the suspension of classes or invoke school-based decisions in coordination with the local government units (LGUs).

5. Moreover, schools are encouraged to involve the students, their families and their communities in preparing for disasters, for this is an effective method of raising their awareness about risk reduction.

6. The regional and division offices are directed to monitor and provide technical support to the schools in implementing their disaster mitigation activities.

7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Order is directed.

BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

Reference: None

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under the following subjects:

 BUREAUS & OFFICES
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    PUPILS
    SCHOOLS
    STUDENTS

JOVIE: Disaster Preparedness Measures in Schools
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