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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**
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**REITERATION OF PROTOCOLS ON GADGET USE AND SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS FOR CONTENT CREATION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. This has reference to DepED Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-11-3725 titled "Reiteration of Protocols on Gadget Use and Safeguarding Standards for Content Creation". This is in line with the DepEd commitment to ensuring a safe, secure, and learner-centered learning environment, all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and schools are advised to reiterate their policies and protocols governing the responsible use of digital devices and the creation of digital content involving learners, school personnel, and school facilities.

2. Consistent with DepEd Order No. 006, s. 2026, particularly Item VI, Paragraph 5(g), the use of cellphones and other portable electronic devices during instructional periods shall be prohibited, except for authorized academic purposes and emergency situations. Schools are directed to strictly enforce this policy to minimize distractions and safeguard the integrity of the teaching-learning process.

3. Public schools shall secure prior authorization from the SDO for partnership activities, particularly those involving content creation. Consultation with learners and their parents, together with the proper securing of consent, shall be ensured before any learner's participation, exposure, or representation on social media platforms. Activities that may expose learners to exploitation, abuse, discrimination, humiliation, cyberbullying, harassment, or unauthorized disclosure of personal information are strictly prohibited.

4. SDOs are enjoined to disseminate these guidelines to all School Heads, Child Protection Committees (CPCs), and concerned personnel, and ensure their strict implementation and compliance and shall exercise due diligence in protecting learners' rights, dignity, privacy, safety, and best interests in all school-based and digital activities.

5. For information and immediate compliance.

**ESTELA P. LEON–CARIÑO, EdD, CESO III**
Director IV/Regional Director

Encl.: As stated
Reference: DepEd Memorandum No. 55, s. 2026

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# Memorandum on the Reiteration of Protocols on Gadget Use and Safeguarding Standards for Content Creation

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Dear Regional Directors

Isang makabatang araw!

Respectfully forwarding the attached Memorandum on the Reiteration of Protocols on Gadget Use and Safeguarding Standards for Content Creation for your information and appropriate action.

The Memorandum reiterates the Department's policies and protocols on the use of gadgets and the observance of safeguarding standards for content creation in schools, particularly during instructional hours. It likewise emphasizes compliance with child protection standards, including the required authorization and consent for activities involving learners and content creation.

In this regard, may we respectfully request the appropriate dissemination of the said Memorandum to the concerned Schools Division Offices and other relevant personnel within your jurisdiction for their information, guidance, and compliance.

Thank you.

Para sa Ligtas na Paaralan,
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# Department of Education

OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

**MEMORANDUM**
**OM-OUGOPS-2026-11-3715**

**TO** : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
**SCHOOL DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**
**SCHOOL HEADS**
**ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**FROM** : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary
Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

**SUBJECT** : **REITERATION OF PROTOCOLS ON GADGET USE AND SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS FOR CONTENT CREATION**

**DATE** : 08 September 2026

The Department recognizes the beneficial use of digital platforms for communication, education, and advocacy. While responsible and authorized use of technology may support teaching and learning, unauthorized gadget use and content creation involving learners, school personnel, or school facilities may disrupt instruction, compromise privacy, expose learners to unnecessary risks, and undermine established child protection standards.

In line with the Department's commitment to providing quality basic education in a safe, secure, and motivating learning environment, this Memorandum reiterates policies and protocols on gadget use and safeguarding standards for content creation on school premises, particularly during instructional hours.

Compliance with Child Protection Standards

To uphold the rights, dignity, privacy, safety, and best interests of learners, **public schools shall obtain authorization from the Schools Division Office (SDO)** for partnership activities, especially those involving content creation. The SDO and the school shall ensure that learners and their parents are consulted regarding any potential exposure or representation on social media platforms and that their **consent is duly obtained**. Any activity that may expose learners to exploitation, abuse, discrimination, humiliation, cyberbullying, harassment, or unauthorized disclosure of personal information shall be strictly prohibited.

School heads, Child Protection Committees (CPCs), and DepEd personnel shall

remain vigilant in ensuring that all school-based activities comply with child protection standards and do not place learners at risk of harm.

Reiteration of DepEd Order (DO) No. 006, s. 2026

Item VI, Paragraph 5(g) of DO No. 006, s. 2026,[1] provides that schools and Community Learning Centers shall prohibit learners and personnel from using cellphones and other portable electronic devices during instructional periods. This measure is intended to minimize distractions and maintain the integrity of the learning environment. Exceptions may be granted in meritorious cases, specifically for:

i. *Academic purposes*: Accessing educational platforms, digital resources, or participating in authorized online collaborative activities.
ii. *Emergency situations*: Facilitating communication during disasters, medical crises, or other immediate safety concerns.

All schools are enjoined to strictly enforce these guidelines to maintain a safe, respectful, and learner-centered educational environment. DepEd personnel at all governance levels are likewise reminded to remain vigilant in safeguarding learners from activities that may adversely affect their well-being, privacy, security, and academic engagement.

For clarifications and/or requests for technical assistance, concerned offices may contact the Learner Rights and Protection Division at (02) 8632-1372 or email at lrpo@deped.gov.ph (cc: weprotectlearners@deped.gov.ph).

For strict compliance.

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[1] Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment.