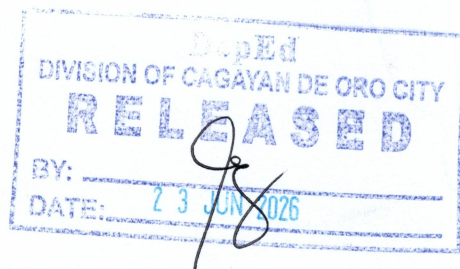




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Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 576 s.2026

**STRENGTHENING SCHOOL SECURITY MEASURES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
SCHOOL SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

**TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned**

1. In view of the recent shooting incident that occurred in Tacloban City and pursuant to the Department of Education's commitment to ensuring safe, secure, and child-friendly learning environments, all public and private schools within the Division of Cagayan de Oro City are hereby directed to strengthen school security measures and strictly implement school safety protocols to prevent violence and other security threats within school premises.
2. Consistent with the recommendations of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) to strictly enforce anti-bullying policies, strengthen mental health interventions, and secure learning spaces through collaboration with partner agencies, schools shall prioritize preventive and proactive security measures while upholding the rights, dignity, and welfare of learners, personnel, parents, and visitors.
3. Effective immediately, all schools shall implement the following minimum security measures:
 - a. Strengthen access control procedures by requiring all visitors to register at the school gate or designated security area and secure visitor passes before entering school premises;



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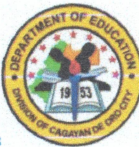
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- b. Designate controlled entry and exit points and ensure regular monitoring of individuals entering and leaving the campus;
 - c. Conduct respectful and non-intrusive bag inspections when warranted as a preventive security measure. Such inspections shall be undertaken in a courteous, non-discriminatory, and child-sensitive manner by authorized personnel, with due regard to privacy, dignity, and existing legal and DepEd regulations. Schools shall ensure that inspections are uniformly applied and shall not target any learner, employee, or visitor based on appearance, gender, socioeconomic status, religion, or other protected characteristics;
 - d. Prohibit the possession, carrying, or bringing of firearms, bladed weapons, explosives, and other dangerous items within school premises except when authorized by law and official duty;
 - e. Maintain functional perimeter fencing, gates, lighting systems, and communication facilities whenever feasible;
 - f. Strengthen coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Local Government Units (LGUs), Barangay Officials, and Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (LDRMOs) for security assessments and emergency preparedness activities;
 - g. Establish and regularly update emergency response protocols for incidents involving active threats, violence, unauthorized entry, and other security emergencies;
 - h. Conduct orientation and information dissemination activities for learners, parents, teachers, and non-teaching personnel regarding school safety procedures and reporting mechanisms.
4. School heads shall likewise intensify the implementation of DepEd's Child Protection Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy by ensuring the prompt reporting, investigation, and resolution of bullying, harassment, threats, intimidation, and other behaviors that may escalate into violence.
 5. Recognizing the importance of mental health in violence prevention, schools shall strengthen mental health and psychosocial support programs through guidance services, referral mechanisms, counseling activities, and partnerships



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with relevant agencies and mental health professionals. Learners exhibiting signs of emotional distress, behavioral concerns, or potential risk factors shall be provided appropriate support and intervention consistent with established protocols.

6. Schools are encouraged to establish or reactivate School Safety and Security Committees that shall regularly assess school vulnerabilities, review security procedures, and recommend appropriate interventions to ensure a safe learning environment.
7. Immediate and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.

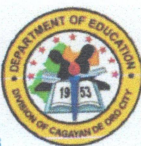
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