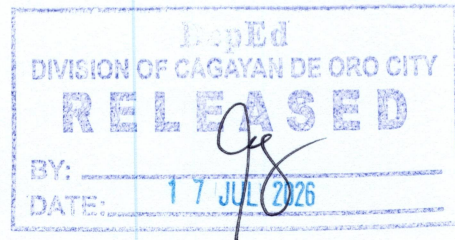




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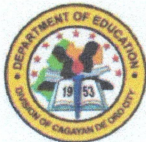
DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 647 s.2026

**DISSEMINATION OF REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 581, S. 2026 ENTITLED
"STRENGTHENING SCHOOL SAFETY THROUGH PREVENTIVE MEASURES,
EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRILLS, AND SCHOOL-PNP COORDINATION ON
SECURITY-RELATED INCIDENTS"**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Unit Heads
All Others Concerned

1. This Memorandum is issued to disseminate Regional Memorandum No. 581, s. 2026 dated July 8, 2026, entitled "Strengthening School Safety Through Preventive Measures, Emergency Response Drills, and School-PNP Coordination on Security-Related Incidents," for the information, guidance, and strict compliance of all public elementary and secondary schools in the Schools Division of Cagayan de Oro City.
2. In support of the Department of Education's mandate to provide safe, secure, orderly, and child-friendly learning environments, all schools are directed to strengthen school safety and security measures by ensuring compliance with existing DepEd policies on school safety, emergency preparedness, child protection, and coordination with local law enforcement agencies.
3. All School Heads are hereby directed to:
 - a. Align all school safety actions and procedures with DepEd Order No. 006, s. 2026 (Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment [ESMLE]);
 - b. Review, update, and strictly implement School DRRM Plans, Child Protection Policies, Comprehensive School Safety Plans, and emergency preparedness protocols;
 - c. Intensify preventive measures to ensure the physical safety and security of learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, and school properties;
 - d. Conduct regular emergency preparedness activities, including earthquake, fire, lockdown, and evacuation drills, ensuring that these activities are age-appropriate, child-sensitive, and trauma-informed;



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e. Ensure that all emergency drills and exercises are planned and implemented in accordance with existing DepEd policies while prioritizing the welfare and psychological well-being of learners;

f. Strengthen coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP), Local Government Units (LGUs), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and other concerned agencies in maintaining school security and responding to security-related incidents;

g. Conduct regular inspection and assessment of school facilities, entrances, exits, perimeter fences, lighting, and other security features to identify and address potential safety risks;

h. Strictly observe established security and administrative protocols, including visitor management, access control, and reporting procedures for any suspicious activities or security concerns;

i. Ensure that all school personnel remain vigilant and immediately report any security-related incidents or threats through appropriate reporting channels; and

j. Continue implementing appropriate learning adjustments whenever emergency situations or security incidents significantly disrupt classes.

4. Public Schools District Supervisors shall monitor the implementation of this Memorandum within their respective districts.

The School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD), through the Division Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Unit, shall provide technical assistance, monitor compliance, and consolidate implementation reports as may be required by the Regional Office.

5. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is hereby directed.

ROY ANGELO E. GAZO

Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: Regional Memorandum No. 581, s. 2026 entitled "Strengthening School Safety Through Preventive Measures, Emergency Response Drills, and School-PNP Coordination on Security-Related Incidents"

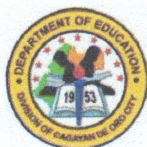
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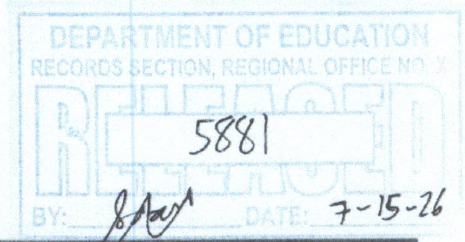


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REGION X - NORTHERN MINDANAO



July 08, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 577, s. 2026

**STRENGTHENING SCHOOL SAFETY THROUGH PREVENTIVE MEASURES,
EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRILLS, AND SCHOOL-PNP COORDINATION ON
SECURITY-RELATED INCIDENTS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
SGOD Chiefs
Public and Private Elementary
Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the Department's mandate to safeguard the welfare, safety, and security of all education stakeholders specially the learners, this Office disseminates instructions regarding the conduct of proactive measures and emergency response drills to be conducted by the Philippine National Police (PNP) across school campuses in the region.
2. All actions and procedures relative to these activities shall strictly align with DepEd Order (DO) No. 006, series of 2026, otherwise known as the "Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE)".
3. Further, pursuant to national peace frameworks and child protection policies consolidated under DO No. 006, s. 2026, this Office firmly reiterates that schools are designated as Zones of Peace.
4. It is reiterated that no guns or live firearms are allowed inside the school premises during the conduct of these drills and simulations.
5. The tactical execution of these lectures and exercises must be carefully managed to ensure they do not cause psychological distress, panic, or trauma to the learners and personnel.
6. Please be reminded that schools are currently operating within regular instructional blocks. While academic focus is a top priority, this Office expresses its all-out support for these safety and security drills to ensure crisis preparedness. Hence, the conduct of these activities is permitted during this period, provided that the continuity of learning is strictly observed.
7. School Heads must implement necessary scheduling adjustments or alternative learning modalities to ensure that regular classroom instructions are not significantly disrupted.

8. Additionally, to ensure adherence to existing security and administrative protocols, school-level collaboration with local authorities must be strengthened

a. The PNP and the local Barangay units shall coordinate with the School Head at all times prior to, during, and after the conduct of any drills. Unannounced or uncoordinated security exercises on school grounds is strictly prohibited.

b. All external forces must align their operational plans with the School Head to ensure that school protocols are seamlessly respected and followed.

9. Generally, all stages of these activities or exercises, the learner's rights must be maintained and protected at all times. School authorities, in coordination with the PNP and Barangay officials, must ensure that the operations strictly adhere to child-protection principles, safeguarding children from any form of harm or rights violation.

10. For clarifications and coordination, please contact the following:

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11. This office directs the immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum.

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