



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

March 6, 2023

REGION MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2023-022

**MANDATORY UNANNOUNCED EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE DRILLS EVERY FIRST
AND THIRD WEEK OF EVERY MONTH**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Regional and Division DRRM Coordinators
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2022 titled *Mandatory Unannounced Earthquake and Fire Drills Every First and Third Week of Every Month* which is further guided by a memorandum from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations No. 2023-04-0892 that provides for its Implementing guidelines. All public schools are hereby required to conduct unannounced earthquake and fire drills every first and third week of the month.
2. Attached is the copy of the guidelines on the conduct, monitoring and reporting of the unannounced drills. The school heads with the assistance of the School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (SDRRM) Coordinators shall spearhead the planning, implementation and regular monitoring of these drills in their respective schools. These drills are to ensure that all learners are properly guided on what should be done during and after an earthquake or occurrence of fire in schools.
3. Schools shall refer to DepEd Order No. 27, s 2015 entitled Promoting Family Earthquake Preparedness, for materials that may be used by learners and their families as guide in the preparation before, during, and after the occurrence of an earthquake.
4. **The drills provided by DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2022 shall be implemented separately from the quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED), hence it should be conducted not on the same day with NSED.**
5. Schools and Division DRRM Coordinators shall comply and submit in due time reports of the conduct of the unannounced drills and shall use the templates attached in this Region Memorandum.
5. For more information kindly contact Education Support Services Division – PSS-DRRM thru (083) 223-1667 or mobile no. +639217777715 or email at janearlwendell.lope@deped.gov.ph.



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8. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired


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Encl.: OUOPS Memorandum No. 2023-04-0892
Reference: DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2022, DepEd Order No. 27, s 2015
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following Subjects:
SAFETY EDUCATION CALAMITY

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