



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

March 6, 2023

REGION MEMORANDUM  
ESSD-2023-023

**REITERATION ON THE SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF CY 2023  
QUARTERLY NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS EARTHQUAKE DRILL**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All DRRM Coordinators  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to OUOPS Memorandum No. 2023-04-0892 from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations, reiterating the schedule for the conduct of CY 2023 Quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill, offices across all levels of the department and schools are enjoined to participate in the conduct of NSED with schedule as follows:

Quarter	Date	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	09 March 2023	2:00 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	08 June 2023	9:00 a.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	07 September 2023	2:00 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	09 November 2023	9:00 p.m.

2. As reported by DOH online COVID-19 Tracker and in accordance with the updated Alert Level System for COVID 19 issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-IED) on June 4, 2022, the nationwide COVID-19 cases have been regularly decreasing since February 2022; hence, the traditional in-person NSED can proceed subject to the strict implementation of minimum health protocols such as but not limited to social distancing and handwashing to ensure the safe and effective conduct of the NSED.

3. All DepEd Offices and schools responsible for implementing the drill will assign Safety and Health Officers to monitor and evaluate the adherence to the minimum health protocols throughout the exercise.

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. Proper documentation and post activity evaluation of said drill are required. DRRM Coordinators are advised to make necessary preparations to ensure that the



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required reports are submitted on time using the templates attached in this memorandum. Attached are the guidelines on the conduct, monitoring and reporting of NSED

6. To ensure awareness and preparedness on the impending threat of the inevitable occurrence of an earthquake, even in the midst of pandemic, **Information, Education and Communication (IEC)** campaign in NSED using distant means should be continuously intensified. A copy of NSED materials can be accessed through <https://bit.ly/DepEdNSED2023>. In addition, existing earthquake contingency plans of regional and division offices and schools shall be updated to incorporate mechanisms, and arrangements that are reflective of the current COVID-19 situation

7. For more information kindly contact Education Support Services Division – PSS-DRRM thru (083) 223-1667 or mobile no. +639217777715 or email at [jannearwendell.lope@deped.gov.ph](mailto:jannearwendell.lope@deped.gov.ph).

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

  
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*Director IV*

Encl.: As stated

Reference: OUOPS Memorandum No. 2023-04-0892

Allotment: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following Subjects:

SAFETY EDUCATION

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