

March 11, 2024

REGION MEMORANDUM ESSD-2024-029

REITERATION ON THE SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF CY 2024 QUARTERLY NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS EARTHQUAKE DRILL (NSED)

To: Schools Division Superintendents Division DRRM Coordinators All Others Concerned

1. This has reference to DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2024-04-01277, Offices across all levels of the Department and schools are enjoined to participate in the conduct of quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) With schedule as follows:

Quarter	Date	Time
1 st Quarter	March 25, 2024	9:00 a.m.
2 nd Quarter	June 13, 2024	2:00 a.m.
3 rd Quarter	September 12, 2024	9:00 a.m.
4 th Quarter	November 14, 2024	2:00 a.m.

2. Conduct of traditional or in-person NSED can proceed, subject to the implementation of minimum health protocols. DepEd offices and schools shall assign safety and health officers to monitor and evaluate the adherence to the minimum health protocols throughout the exercise.

3. In relation to DOST-PAGASA's forecast of high Heat Index and El Niño until the 1st Quarter of the year, school heads and heads of DepEd offices are strictly directed to observe proper protocols not to prolong exposure of learners and or personnel in open heat of the sun or in any situation that will cause them harmful effects of heat or hyperthermia during the conduct of 1st Quarter NSED. If deemed unsafe to conduct the full-length earthquake drill that includes evacuation, assembly and accounting in open field, the conduct of "Duck, Cover and Hold" and or "Table Top" exercises inside of classroom and offices is advised.

4. To ensure awareness and preparedness on the impending threat of the inevitable occurrence of an earthquake, **Information**, **Education**, and **Communication Campaign (IEC) in NSED using distant means should be continuously intensified.** A copy of NSED materials can be accessed through <u>http://tinyurl.com/DepEdNSED2024</u>

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





required reports are submitted on time using the guidelines and templates as provided by Annexes of DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2024-04-01277.

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

7. For information and compliance.

Director

Encl.: None Reference: DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2024-04-01277 Allotment: DRRM Fund To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following Subjects: SAFETY EDUCATION CALAMITY

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