



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

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REGION MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2024-057

**PROPER WASTE MANAGEMENT AND PROHIBITION ON BURNING OF
GARBAGE, TRASH AND GRASS/WEEDS IN SCHOOLS**

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

1. In consonance with the thrust of Regional Development Council XII and in ensuring compliance of schools to proper waste and safe vegetation management, this office directs all schools and offices to strictly adhere to the provisions of R.A. 9003 otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2020.
2. Schools and offices are directed to strictly observe proper waste management and trash disposal as well as the promotion of responsible environmental practices and recycling of waste materials and composting.
3. Likewise, all concerned are reminded of the prohibition of burning of garbage, trash and the burning of weeds and grasses as part of vegetation clearing and management. Section 48, item 3 of R.A. 9003 strictly prohibits the open burning of wastes. Burning of weeds and grasses does not only violate the law but it poses health hazard to learners and personnel exposed to harmful substances released during burning. It increases fire hazard to school buildings and facilities especially on the current high heat index and very warm temperature we are experiencing.
4. Each school shall have a waste management plan. School heads shall ensure the judicious implementation of this plan guided by recommended environmental and safety practices.
5. DRRM Coordinators are enjoined to ensure and monitor that there is no burning of trash, weeds, and other wastes in school.
6. For information and guidance.


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Encl.: None
Reference: RA 9003
Allotment: DRRM Fund
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following Subjects:
SAFETY EDUCATION, CALAMITY

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