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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM:

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PREPAREDNESS MEASURES FOR THE RAINY SEASON

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

1. To promote preparedness and safety among our school children and personnel on the onset of rainy season. Field offices, elementary and secondary schools in the region are required to observe and follow the Preparedness Measures for the Rainy Season.
2. All staff of schools and offices are advised to do the following if it is applicable and necessary even during COVID-19 Pandemic:
 - a. Prepare a Contingency Plan for tropical cyclone, storm surge, and flood.
 - b. Establish a hazard-specific Early Warning System and post in classrooms and conspicuous areas within the school.
 - c. Secure database of students and their family details; these are essential in tracking learners.
 - d. Craft and disseminate a Student-Family Reunification Plan.
 - e. Plan for resumption strategies, e.g. Alternative Delivery Modes and availability of learning resources.
 - f. Pre-identify possible sites for Temporary Learning Spaces.
 - g. Post emergency hotlines in classrooms and conspicuous areas within the school.
 - h. Forge a MOA with the LGU, if the school is to be used as an evacuation center.
 - i. Prepare an evacuation plan and identify evacuation areas and classrooms that can be used as temporary shelters during emergencies in accordance with RA 10821.
 - j. Coordinate with the LGU on the locations of evacuation centers outside the school, and other safe areas where learners and their families can go to in case of storm surge warning. ~~Inform the learners and their parents.~~



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- k. Monitor tropical cyclone wind signals (TCWS), storm surge warning, rainfall warning from DOST-PAGASA.
 - l. Coordinate with local DRRM councils for suspension of classes.
 - m. Orient students, parents and teachers on the rules on suspension of classes (DO 43 s. 2012 and EO 66 s. 2012)
 - n. Advise learners and their families to secure their family disaster kit at home.
 - o. Have an adequate first aid kit, flashlights, megaphones, and other necessary supplies.
 - p. Assess school buildings. Repair minor damages.
 - q. Clean and clear all drainage system to prevent them from clogging. Cover open drainage canals with proper warning signs.
 - r. Prune trees that may cause harm to people and properties.
 - s. Switch off electricity before locking the school buildings.
 - t. Store all vital school documents, learning, and teaching materials, computers and equipment in safe buildings and storage.
3. All DRRM Coordinators should maintain an open communication with school officials for any needed assistance. Immediate coordination and reporting of any untoward incident should be observed to provide timely and necessary support.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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