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 SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NUEVA VIZCAYA

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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**RESPONSE & MITIGATING MEASURES FOR THE INCREASING TEMPERATURES
 AND EXTREME HEAT CONDITIONS**

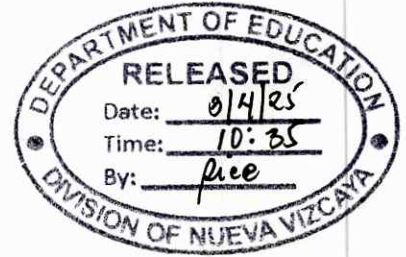
To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
 School Governance and Operations Division Chief
 Curriculum Implementation Division Chief
 Public Schools District Supervisors/District In-Charge
 Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
 All others concerned

1. In light of the increasing temperatures and extreme heat conditions, it is imperative that all schools and DepEd offices take proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our learners and personnel. This memo details the necessary actions to be implemented in the schools compliance with **DepEd Order No. 22, s. 2024 and Memorandum OUOPS No. 2024-04-02477.**
2. In accordance with DepEd Order No. 22, s. 2024, there **will be no automatic suspension of classes** due to extreme heat conditions. However, in cases of unbearable heat, the Local Chief Executive (LCE) may exercise authority to facilitate localized class suspensions based on the situation in their localities. Given this, PSDSs/DICs must coordinate closely with the LCE to facilitate such suspensions when necessary. Additionally, school/district officials shall ensure the implementation of alternative delivery modes (ADMs) to guarantee that learning competencies are effectively met despite class suspensions.
3. The following are the recommended mitigating measures create a safe and conducive learning environment despite the challenges posed by extreme heat conditions.

KEY AREAS	RESPONSE STRATEGIES
Learning Delivery	<p>Implement shortened class schedules and/or a two-shift system, particularly for classrooms exceeding the maximum number of learners. In-person classes should preferably be conducted from 6:00–10:00 AM (morning shift) and 2:00–6:00 PM (afternoon shift)</p> <p>Schools should develop a Learning and Service Continuity Plan (LSCP) to prepare for class suspensions</p> <p>Ensure sufficiency of learning materials, self-learning modules, activity sheets, textbooks and the like</p>



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<p>Safety and Health</p>	<p>Ensure availability of First Aid/Medical Kit</p> <p>Ensure adequate hydration by providing a sufficient supply of potable drinking water in schools and adhering to the Water Bell Ordinance. Encourage learners and personnel to bring their own tumblers and stay hydrated throughout the day.</p> <p>Consider upgrading classroom ventilation by installing additional fans or air conditioning units, if available, to maintain a comfortable temperature. However, schools must coordinate with the Bureau of Fire Protection for the inspection of electrical wiring.</p> <p>Wear school-appropriate attire that is light and breathable for comfort.</p> <p>The SDO, through the School Health and Nutrition Unit, shall regularly monitor learners and personnel for signs of heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke, and ensure immediate referral if symptoms are detected. All related incidents shall be documented and reported to the appropriate offices, including the DOH and MHO.</p> <p>Schools shall ensure that emergency hotline numbers are posted and readily available for referral purposes.</p>
<p>Risk Assessment and Planning</p>	<p>PSDSs/DICs must ensure that the Action Plan for addressing rising temperatures and extreme heat conditions is incorporated into the enhanced school improvement plan, with allocated funds for its implementation.</p> <p>The SDO, through the SGOD-DRRMS, shall facilitate the PDRRMO's approval of capacity-building sessions on risk assessment and planning for batches 2 and 3.</p>
<p>Awareness and Education</p>	<p>Conduct information education sessions to educate learners, personnel and parents about the dangers of extreme heat and the importance of staying hydrated and cool.</p> <p>Educate parents on the importance and possibility of ADM implementation</p> <p>Display posters and distribute flyers with tips on managing extreme heat.</p> <p>Schools, through the School Head or Administrative Officer, shall share information on the daily heat index in the locality.</p>

3. For widest dissemination, guidance and appropriate action.

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