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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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PREPAREDNESS, 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 anticipated increase in temperatures and occurrence of extreme heat conditions, all schools and DepEd offices are enjoined to take proactive and appropriate measures to ensure the safety, health and well-being of learners and personnel. This Memorandum outlines the necessary actions to be undertaken by the schools in compliance with **DepEd Order No. 22, s. 2024 and Memorandum OUOPS No. 2024-04-02477**.
2. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 22, s. 2024, there shall be **no automatic suspension of classes** due to extreme heat conditions. However, in cases where heat conditions become unbearable, the Local Chief Executive (LCE) may exercise authority to declare localized class suspensions based on prevailing conditions in their respective localities. In this regard, PSDSs/DICs shall closely coordinate with the LCE to facilitate such suspensions when necessary. Schools and district officials shall likewise ensure the implementation of **Alternative Delivery Modes (ADMs)** to guarantee that learning competencies are effectively met during periods of class suspension.
3. The following are the recommended preparedness, response and mitigating measures to create a safe and conducive learning environment despite the challenges posed by rising temperatures and extreme heat conditions.

KEY AREAS	PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE & MITIGATING STRATEGIES
Safe and Climate-Responsive Learning Environment	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. If need be, upgrade the classroom for more window installation for better ventilation.



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	<p>Ensure availability of water dispensers and enough supply of potable water.</p> <p>Schools shall ensure that emergency hotline numbers are posted in every classroom and in other strategic and conspicuous areas throughout the school campus.</p> <p>Ensure availability of First Aid/Medical Kit.</p>
Continuity of Learning and Instructional Delivery	<p>Schools shall prepare a Learning and Service Continuity Plan (LSCP) to ensure an effective response to situations that may necessitate the suspension of classes. The LSCP shall specify the appropriate learning delivery modalities to be implemented for learners. The schools may include in the LSCP the implementation of 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>
Risk Preparedness, Contingency Planning, and Resource Allocation	<p>PSDSs/DICs, through the School Heads, shall ensure the preparation and implementation of a Contingency Plan addressing rising temperatures and extreme heat conditions. The Action Plan thereto shall be integrated into the Enhanced School Improvement Plan (E-SIP), Annual Implementation Plan, with corresponding budgetary requirements duly provided for.</p>
Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) and Stakeholder Engagement	<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>Schools shall conduct information and education activities for parents on the importance of Alternative Delivery Modalities (ADM) and Flexible Learning Options, including their possible implementation when necessary.</p> <p>Display posters and distribute flyers with tips on managing extreme heat.</p> <p>Schools, through the School Head or Administrative Officer, shall monitor and share information on the daily heat index in the locality.</p>

4. For widest dissemination, guidance and appropriate action.


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