



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
Region II – Cagayan Valley  
Schools Division of Nueva Vizcaya

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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 238, s.2026

**REITERATION OF SCHOOLS AS ZONES OF PEACE AND STRENGTHENING OF SCHOOL SAFETY, SECURITY AND LEARNER PROTECTION MEASURES**

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

1. In support to the Department of Education's commitment in ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE) and pursuant to DepEd Order No. 006, s. 2026, DepEd Order No. 040, s. 2012 (Child Protection Policy) and Republic Act No. 10627 (Anti-Bullying Act of 2013), all schools are adhered to uphold **schools as Zones of Peace** where learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, parents, and stakeholders are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, bullying, discrimination, intimidation, possession of deadly weapons and other acts that may compromise safety, security and well-being.

2. Schools, through the **School Head, Child Protection Committee (CPC), School DRRM Team, Guidance Counselors/Designates, Homeroom Advisers** and the **Supreme Elementary Learner Government (SELG) or Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG)**, are urged to strengthen initiatives that promote school safety, positive discipline, learner protection and violence prevention.

3. Schools may reinforce their learner protection and school safety programs based on the following policy considerations:

**SCHOOLS AS ZONES OF PEACE**

- Schools shall serve as safe, secure and inclusive spaces conducive to teaching, learning and holistic development.
- Acts of violence, bullying, discrimination, harassment, intimidation, possession of deadly weapons, illegal substances and other behaviors that endanger learners and school personnel shall not be tolerated.
- Every learner has the right to protection from all forms of physical, psychological, emotional, sexual and online violence consistent with existing child protection policies.

**CHILD PROTECTION AND LEARNER WELFARE**

- DepEd Order No. 040, s. 2012 mandates all schools to establish child-friendly and protective learning environments through preventive, responsive and restorative interventions.



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- Republic Act No. 10627 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations require schools to adopt measures to prevent and address bullying and related acts.
- DepEd Order No. 006, s. 2026 promotes a whole-school approach in ensuring learner well-being, safety, participation, and protection.

**SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY**

- School Heads are responsible for ensuring the implementation of appropriate safety and security measures within school premises.
  - Schools are encouraged to coordinate with local government units, barangay officials, law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders to support school safety initiatives.
  - Risk assessment and safety planning shall be regularly conducted to identify and address potential threats and vulnerabilities within the school environment.
4. **School Heads are strongly encouraged to continuously monitor the implementation of learner protection and school safety initiatives and ensure that incidents involving violence, bullying, abuse, threats, possession of weapons and other learner protection concerns are managed and reported in accordance with existing DepEd policies and protocols.**
5. For widest dissemination, guidance, and appropriate action.

  
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