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MEMORANDUM

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TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA
Undersecretary
Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : IMMEDIATE DISCONTINUATION AND REMOVAL OF NON-COMPLIANT SCHOOL SAFETY DRILL CONTENT IN SOCIAL MEDIA

DATE : September 4, 2026



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All Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices, and schools are hereby directed to immediately discontinue the posting, sharing, or republication of drill content that depicts or promotes non-compliant practices, including fear-inducing or hyper-realistic simulation, simulated attackers, imitation firearms, simulated casualties, simulated gunfire, and similar activities.

School Heads shall immediately review content posted through official school platforms. Non-compliant videos, photographs, reels, or similar materials shall be taken down. Regional Offices and Schools Division Offices shall direct concerned schools to undertake corrective action when such content is identified.

Teaching and non-teaching personnel are likewise reminded that human-induced threats are serious safety and protection concerns and shall not be presented as memes, jokes, social media trends, skits, or other forms of entertainment. Content that trivializes violence or turns emergency procedures into entertainment undermines the purpose of school safety activities and may cause unnecessary fear, distress, or harm to learners and school communities.

Failure to comply with this Memorandum shall be dealt with in accordance with applicable DepEd, Civil Service, child protection, data privacy, and administrative rules, subject to due process.

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To:	() PSDS/DICs	() Elem/Sec School Heads	
	() Private Schools	() Others:	
For:	() Information	() Dissemination	
	() Guidance	() Strict Compliance	
ORLANDO E. MANUEL PhD., CESO V Schools Division Superintendent			
By:	ASDS	CID Chief	SGOD Chief
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September 7, 2026

To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

For information, guidance and compliance.

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For the Regional Director:

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Officer-In-Charge



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For widest dissemination and strict compliance.