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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. **427**, s. 2026

OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY WEEK

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to DepEd Memorandum titled "Observance of the National School Safety Week", dated October 09, 2026, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division, reiterates that all Schools Division Offices and all public elementary and secondary schools shall observe the aforementioned subject on **October 12-16, 2026**.
2. The observance aims to strengthen prevention mechanisms against learner rights and protection concerns, enhance awareness of school safety protocols, and promote active stakeholder participation in maintaining safe, inclusive, protective, and conducive learning environment for all learners.
3. In view thereof, the activities that need to be implemented by all public elementary and secondary schools are stipulated under **Item Nos. 2, 3, and 4** of the attached Memorandum.
4. Private elementary and secondary schools are likewise enjoined to participate in the observance of the National School Safety Week and undertake appropriate activities to promote school safety, learner rights and protection, and the well-being of all learners, consistent with applicable DepEd policies and guidelines.
5. Furthermore, all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) shall consolidate the reports submitted by schools and Community Learning Centers (CLCs) using the attached template. The consolidated reports shall be submitted to this Office in both soft copy via Google Drive: <https://bit.ly/3UgDTKS> and hard copy, copy furnish the Learner Rights and Protection Division via email lrpo@deped.gov.ph on or before **November 5, 2026**.
6. Expenses incurred in the conduct of the activities under this Memorandum shall be charged against available and appropriate funds, including school MOOE, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws rules and regulations.
7. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance of this Memorandum are earnestly enjoined.



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

TO : **Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned**

FROM :  **SONNY ANGARA**
Secretary

SUBJECT : **Observance of the National School Safety Week**

DATE : October 9, 2026

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) shall observe the **National School Safety Week** on **October 12-16, 2026**, in all public elementary and secondary schools and Community Learning Centers (CLCs) nationwide. Consistent with DepEd Order No. 006, s. 2026, or the Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE), the observance shall strengthen prevention mechanisms against learner rights protection concerns, enhance awareness of school safety protocols, and promote active stakeholder participation in maintaining safe, inclusive, protective, and conducive learning environments for all learners.

2. The National School Safety Week shall commence with a simultaneous flag ceremony on Monday, October 12, 2026, in all DepEd schools and CLCs. Consistent with the whole-of-society approach under the ESMLE framework, school heads shall invite and facilitate the participation of the following stakeholders:

- a. Parents and guardians;
- b. Barangay officials, including barangay health workers (BHWs);
- c. Local representatives of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Information

and Communications Technology (DICT), Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and Philippine National Police (PNP).

The flag ceremony may include brief messages from the school head and participating partner agencies on their respective roles in promoting learner safety and fostering safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environments in both physical and virtual settings. This shall be followed by the recitation of the ***Panata para sa Ligtas, Inklusibo, at Maalagang Paaralan*** and the signing of the **School Safety Commitment Wall (Annex A)**.

3. Teachers are instructed to integrate school safety lessons through the Homeroom Guidance Program (HGP), Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC), and Values Education (VE). The lessons shall be age-appropriate and may cover the following:

- a. Learners' rights and the prevention of bullying, violence, abuse, and gender-based harassment;
- b. Responsible digital citizenship and online safety;
- c. Disaster preparedness, fire safety, and health and hygiene practices;
- d. School-based reporting and referral mechanisms, including the Child Protection Committee (CPC) and Learner Formation Officer; and
- e. Access to emergency hotlines, including 911, 1383 (MAKABATA Helpline), 1553 (NCMH Crisis Hotline), and (02) 8632-1372 (Learners' Telesafe Contact Center Helpline).

Relevant learning resources are available through:
<https://tinyurl.com/BLDHubSELDigitalLiteracy>

4. The National School Safety Week shall also introduce the **My Buddy System**, a peer support strategy that pairs learners, or organizes them into small peer groups, to provide support, guidance, and companionship. The initiative aims to help learners feel welcome, included, and more confident in participating in school life.

The Department, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services, shall conduct an orientation for school heads on the design, safeguards, and implementation arrangements of the My Buddy System. In this regard, school heads are directed to:

- a. **Provide guideposts on program implementation.** Issue clear guidance and direction to school personnel and learners on how to carry out the My Buddy System effectively; and

- b. **Contextualize implementation.** Adapt and execute the My Buddy System taking into consideration the unique situations, needs, and operational capacities of their respective schools.

5. Regional offices, through the Learner Rights and Protection Section (LRPS), shall disseminate this Memorandum to the schools division offices (SDOs), provide the necessary technical assistance, and monitor the implementation of the activities. The SDOs shall consolidate the reports submitted by schools and CLCs and submit a consolidated accomplishment report, with supporting documentation, to the Learner Rights and Protection Division (LRPD) within fifteen (15) calendar days after the observance.

6. Expenses incurred in the conduct of the activities under this Memorandum shall be charged against available and appropriate funds, including school Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), subject to existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws rules and regulations.

7. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.

Annex A

PANATA NG BUONG KOMUNIDAD PARA SA MAS LIGTAS NA PAARALAN

Bilang bahagi ng isang nagkakaisang komunidad, buong puso kaming nangangakong pangangalagaan ang bawat bata at itataguyod ang kanilang kaligtasan, kalusugan, at kapakanan.

Nangangako kaming itaguyod ang mga paaralang ligtas, mapagkalinga, at gumagalang sa dignidad at karapatan ng bawat bata.

Maninindigan kami laban sa bullying, karahasan, diskriminasyon, at anumang uri ng pang-aabuso.

Pakikilingan namin ang mga bata, igagalang ang kanilang tinig, at tutugon sa kanilang mga pangangailangan at hinaing.

Gagabayan at poprotektahan namin ang mga bata laban sa anumang panganib, sa loob man o labas ng paaralan.

Taglay ang diwa ng malasakit at pagkakaisa, nangangako kaming magtutulongan at sama-samang kikilos, sapagkat ang kaligtasan at kapakanan ng bawat bata ay pananagutan nating lahat.

Para sa bawat batang ligtas, malusog, at panatag ang kalooban.

Para sa bawat batang malayang matuto, umunlad, at mangarap.

Ito ang aming panata. Ito ang aming pananagutan.

The **School Safety Commitment Wall template** may be accessed through the following link: **<https://tinyurl.com/CommitmentTarp>**



DIVISION CONSOLIDATED ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT
"Observance of the National School Safety Week"
October 12-16, 2026

I. DIVISION PROFILE	
Region:	
Schools Division Office:	
Total Number of Public Elementary Schools:	
Total Number of Private Elementary Schools:	
Total Number of Public Secondary Schools:	
Total Number of Private Secondary Schools:	
Total Number of Community Learning Centers (CLCs):	

II. SUMMARY OF SCHOOL-LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION & ACTIVITIES

Indicate the total number of schools/CLCs that successfully conducted the core activities:

Core Activity / Requirement	No. of Public Elementary Schools Implemented	No. of Private Elementary Schools Implemented	No. of Public Secondary Schools Implemented	No. of Private Secondary Schools Implemented	No. of CLCs Implemented	Total Numbers of Schools and CLCs Implemented
Simultaneous Opening Flag Ceremony & Stakeholder Mobilization						
Recitation of the Patata para sa Ligtas, Inklusibo, at Masagaling Paaralan						
Signing of the School Safety Commitment Wall (Annex A)						
Integration of Safety Lessons (HGP, GMRC, VE)						

III. SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION & PARTNERSHIPS

Consolidated data on participating stakeholders and partner agencies across all schools in the division:

Stakeholder / Partner Category	Total Number of Participants Involved
Parents and Guardians	
Barangay Officials & Health Workers (BHWs)	
Local Government Units (LGUs)	
National Line Agencies & Partners	
Teachers and School Personnel	
Learners	
TOTAL	

IV. SUMMARY OF NUMBER OF LEARNERS PARTICIPATED IN THE INTEGRATION OF SAFETY LESSONS

Consolidate data on number of learners reached/participated in the classroom-based session on school safety lessons

Grade Level	Total Number of learners reached/participated	Total Number of Disclosures (if any)
Grade 1		
Grade 2		
Grade 3		
Grade 4		
Grade 5		
Grade 6		
Grade 7		
Grade 8		
Grade 9		
Grade 10		
Grade 11		
Grade 12		

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NAME AND SIGNATURE OF SGOD CHIEF

Approved:

SCHOOL & DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

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INTERVENTIONS PROVIDED (if any)