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Department of Education

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE

ADVISORY

FOR : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF 4TH QUARTER 2026 NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS EARTHQUAKE DRILL (4Q NSED)**

DATE : October 30, 2026

In reference to Official Memorandum No. OM-OUGOPS-2026-04-08938 dated February 18, 2026, titled "Reiteration on the Schedule for the Conduct of CY 2026 Quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED)," the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), **reiterates the conduct of the Fourth Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on November 5, 2026 (Thursday), at 9:00 A.M.** All public and private elementary and secondary schools, including Community Learning Centers (CLCs), and DepEd offices are enjoined to participate in the scheduled drill.

Safety Considerations Amid Potential Heat Risks

All concerned shall ensure that the drill is conducted in a safe, orderly, and coordinated manner. School heads and office heads shall assess prevailing conditions before and during the activity and implement appropriate safety measures to protect learners, personnel, and other participants.

In particular, school heads shall consider potential heat-related risks in accordance with applicable DepEd policies and guidelines, including **DepEd Memorandum No. 064, s. 2026, on El Niño preparedness**, and the **Department's 4H framework**, as applicable. Other conditions that may affect the safe conduct of the drill, such as severe weather, unsafe facilities, health emergencies, and actual incidents, shall likewise be considered.

School heads and office heads are authorized to modify, postpone, suspend, or discontinue the drill, as warranted by prevailing conditions and in accordance with applicable DepEd and National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) directives. Immediate action shall be taken when the activity poses a risk to the safety and well-being of participants.

Schools in the Greater Metro Manila Area (GMMA) and other divisions that have completed training on the PlanSmart for Safe Schools (PSSS) web application and finalized their Earthquake Contingency Plans (ConPlans) shall implement the applicable procedures during the drill. The finalized Earthquake ConPlans generated

through the web application shall serve as reference documents for accomplishing the M7X Ready Scorecard item on updated ConPlans.

NSED Materials, Evaluation, and Reporting Requirements

All concerned shall use the prescribed NSED evaluation tool, information and education campaign (IEC) materials, and reporting templates to guide, assess, and document the conduct of the drill. These resources may be accessed through the following links:

- **NSED Evaluation Tool:** https://tinyurl.com/NSED-EvalForm
- **NSED Materials:** https://bit.ly/DepEdNSED

Designated school drill evaluators shall accomplish and submit the NSED Evaluation Tool to assess the effectiveness of the drill, document observations, and identify areas for improvement.

Schools shall document their participation and implementation of the drill using the applicable prescribed reporting tools. Regional Offices (ROs), SDOs, and DepEd offices shall likewise accomplish the prescribed office-based reporting template to document personnel participation, drill implementation, and related activities.

All concerned reporting units shall submit the applicable reports to their respective designated recipients and observe the prescribed submission procedures and deadlines. **All required reports shall be submitted on or before November 15, 2026**, unless otherwise directed through the applicable reporting guidelines.

All concerned are directed to ensure the proper conduct and documentation of the drill, submission of the required reports, and uploading of the prescribed means of verification (MOVs) by the concerned schools that implemented the PSSS ConPlan. The appropriate safety measures shall be observed throughout the activity.

For information, guidance, and appropriate action.

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