



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

September 14, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **1192** s. 2026

**INFORMATION DISSEMINATION, PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION
MEASURES FOR EL NIÑO**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Division DRRM Coordinators
All Others Concerned

1. In response to the latest update issued by Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) regarding the **El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Advisory No. 4 dated September 6, 2026**, stating that a moderate to strong El Niño's presence in the tropical Pacific and forecasts indicate that El Niño will continue until the first half of 2027 and may reach a very strong state in the coming months before peaking towards the end of 2026.
2. To protect the safety and security of our learners, personnel and learning facilities, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), outlines the following mitigating measures:

KEY AREAS	MITIGATING MEASURES
Monitoring and Early Warning	Monitoring and regular dissemination of PAGASA Heat Index and Weather Forecasts, accessible through: a. https://www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph/climate/el-nino-la-nina/advisories b. https://ligtas.cair.ph/maps/
Risk Assessment and Planning	Conduct comprehensive risk assessments including health risk to understand the potential impacts of El Niño in schools. Develop a Contingency Plan for El Niño/Extreme Heat to address potential threats and hazards.
Safety and Heat Health Protection	Strengthen school first-aid preparedness. Strengthen hydration measures. Ensure access to safe drinking water. Encourage learners and personnel to drink plenty of water. Develop water management strategies. Implement school-wide water conservation campaign. Monitor heat-related health incidents.
	Intensify referral mechanisms for learners and personnel requiring medical attention.

Learning Delivery-related	Avoid outside classroom activities. Instruct learners to limit their outside activities to avoid direct exposure to heat.
	Implement Learning and Services Continuity Plan (LSCP) as necessary to ensure continuity of learning from suspension of in-person to other learning modalities in accordance with DO 14, s. 2026.
	Prepare appropriate Alternative Delivery Mode.
	Report on Class Suspension through: https://sites.google.com/depd.gov.ph/drrms/operations/reporting-platforms
School Facilities Protection and Fire Prevention	Conduct school facilities inspection and assessment with heat-related risks.
	Coordinate with BFP for fire-prevention activities.
	Ensure functional fire extinguishers and fire-safety equipment.
	Protect school equipment from excessive heat and power fluctuations.
	Document and report facility related El Niño damage to https://sites.google.com/depd.gov.ph/drrms/operations/reporting-platforms
IEC and Advocacy-related	Conduct orientation to parents for the impacts of El Niño and the possible implementation of ADM.
	Develop/ Disseminate IEC materials on El Niño.
	Conduct information dissemination e.g. health risk communication plan, announcement during flag ceremony, posting of IEC materials in schools.
Monitoring	Regular updates on the daily heat index on your locality.
	Monitor effects of water scarcity on school.
	Assess possible effects of prolonged drought.
	Monitor health status of learners and personnel daily.

3. School heads are reminded of their authority and responsibility, to suspend in-person classes and implement modular distance learning in cases of unfavorable weather environment such as but not limited to extreme heat which poses health risks hindering learning and productivity as stipulated in DO 22, s. 2024.

4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

DISASTER

EL NIÑO

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