



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

September 24, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2026-1278

**REITERATION ON THE REQUEST FOR REVIEW, COMMENTS, INPUTS AND
OPERATIONAL VALIDATION OF THE PROPOSED DEPED ORDER
TITLED "POLICY GUIDELINES ON EARTHQUAKE RISK
REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT AND
LEARNING CONTINUITY"**

To: Schools Division Superintendent } Eastern Samar Division
Division DRRM Coordinator
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum No. DRRMS-09-15-2026-0002 from Roger B. Masapol, Assistant Secretary for Governance- Education Governance, dated September 14, 2026, requesting the review of the draft Earthquake Policy and the submission of comments, inputs, recommendations and operational validation.
2. The designated reviewer is **Rod Alfred Lito N. Valdez**, Division DRRM Coordinator, who shall serve as the technical person for the review and validation of the draft Earthquake Policy.
3. The review is intended to ensure that the provision of the draft is responsive to the actual conditions and operational requirements of DepEd offices and schools. The draft Earthquake Policy may be accessed through the following link:
<https://bit.ly/DepEdEQPolicy>
4. Other information and details related to this issuance are specified in the attached communications.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III
Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

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

EARTHQUAKE

REVIEW

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DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE

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MEMORANDUM

No. DRRMS-09-15-2026-0002

**FOR : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS CONCERNED
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS CONCERNED
ALL REGIONAL AND DIVISION DRRM COORDINATORS CONCERNED
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

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DATE: 9/21/26

FROM : ROGER B. MASAPOL
Assistant Secretary for Governance – Education Governance
Officer-in-Charge, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service

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SIGNATURE: [Signature]

**SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR REVIEW, COMMENTS, INPUTS, AND
OPERATIONAL VALIDATION OF THE PROPOSED DEPED ORDER
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REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT AND LEARNING CONTINUITY"**

DATE : September 14, 2026

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), is currently developing its policy guidelines on earthquake risk reduction and management and learning continuity.

In support of this undertaking, selected Regional and Schools Division DRRM Coordinators and other identified DRRM personnel are requested to review and provide comments, inputs, recommendations, and operational validation on the said draft earthquake policy.

The review is intended to ensure that the provisions of the draft are responsive to the actual conditions and operational requirements of DepEd offices and schools, particularly in relation to earthquake preparedness, immediate response, safety and protection of learners and personnel, reporting, learning continuity, and coordination among the different governance levels of the Department.

In reviewing the draft, concerned personnel are encouraged to consider the applicability and practicality of the proposed procedures based on their experience in implementing DRRM programs and activities at the Regional, Schools Division, and school levels. Specific comments may include provisions that require clarification, modification, additional guidance, alignment with existing practices, or further consideration based on local and operational contexts.

The Draft Earthquake Policy may be accessed through the following link below or scan the QR code provided:



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To facilitate the consolidation of inputs, reviewers are requested to indicate the specific section, provision, or page being commented on and provide the corresponding recommendation, proposed revision, and brief justification, as applicable. Comments and inputs shall be submitted using the Comments and Recommendations Matrix Template indicated in Annex A of this correspondence and are requested to be submitted to DRRMS via email at drsms@deped.gov.ph cc april.savde@deped.gov.ph, **on or before September 30, 2026, 05:00 PM**

The identified Regional and Schools Division DRRM Coordinators and personnel requested to participate in the review are listed in Annex B of this Memorandum.

Following the consolidation and initial review of the submitted comments and subject to the approval of the appropriate authorities, the DRRMS may conduct a final technical validation of the draft policy through an online or in-person consultation with selected representatives from the Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices, and other concerned DepEd offices. The schedule and modality of the validation shall be determined based on the status of the draft, availability of participants, and prevailing operational circumstances.

In view of current national circumstances and government-wide response priorities, the conduct of succeeding technical activities shall likewise take into consideration applicable national directives and urgent operational requirements. Activities may therefore be scheduled or adjusted as necessary to ensure that the Department's priority response and essential functions are not adversely affected. A separate advisory or memorandum shall be issued by the Service of this matter.

For questions and further clarifications, please contact DRRMS through Ms. April Allen M. Sayde, EQ policy focal person, via Viber number at 0919-095-1075.

For appropriate action and compliance.

Enclosure:

Annex A – Comments and Recommendations Matrix Template

Annex A – List of Identified Regional and Schools Division DRRM Coordinators/Personnel

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ANNEX A. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MATRIX FOR DEPED EQ POLICY

NAME OF REVIEWER / TECHNICAL PERSON			
DESIGNATION/POSITION			
GOVERNANCE LEVEL (please check)		☐ Central Office	☐ Regional Office
NAME OF OFFICE/UNIT/BUREAU/SERVICE (for CO)		☐ Schools Division Office	
REGION (for RO/SDO/school)		☐ School	
DIVISION (for RO/SDO/school)			
NAME OF SCHOOL (for school)			
CONTACT NUMBER		DEPED EMAIL ADDRESS	
DATE ACCOMPLISHED			

A. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

No	Specific Section/Provision	Cite Affected Text in the Existing Provision of the Draft Policy	Comments/Issues/Observation	Proposed Revision / Additional Provision	Explanation/Justification/ Rationale of the Proposed/Additional Provision (as applicable)
1	SAMPLE: Annex E-1. Reporting, Coordination, and Resource Mobilization – 1.4	Where internet connectivity...	Table 3. Incident Reporting and Alternative Reporting Actions, timeframe not specified	"Where internet is.... within 24 hours."	To provide specific timeframe of reporting....
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(Please add additional sheet as necessary)

B. OTHERS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS NOT SPECIFIED IN THE DRAFT EQ POLICY (Please cite as many as relevant and necessary. Recommendations shall be subject for further review and validation of the DRRMS Technical Working Group for EQ Policy.)

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ANNEX B. LIST OF IDENTIFIED REGIONAL AND SCHOOLS DIVISION DRRM COORDINATORS/PERSONNEL AS REVIEWERS / TECHNICAL PERSONS

I. REGION OFFICE

REGION	NAME OF REGIONAL DRRM COORDINATOR
CAR	Evangeline P. Malag
Region I	Jose Ritchie B. Perez
Region IV-B	Lolaine Bagsic
NIR	Marlon B. Bungcassan
Region VII	Ranilo L. Edar
Region X	Nino B. Asa
Region XII	Jann Earl Wendell J. Lope
CARAGA	Megnon P. Beldad

II. SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE

REGION	SDO	NAME OF DIVISION DRRM COORDINATOR
NCR	Marikina City	Garvie L. Medina
	Pasig City	Maribel L. Liddan
	Quezon City	Dale A. Latawan
Region III	Tarlac	Omar Navarro Dimarucot
Region IV-A	Antipolo City	Noel C. Merino
	Rizal	John Marfred C. Samonte
Region V	Catanduanes	Maria Audrea L. Vivo
	Masbate	Mark Anthony R. Rosal
Region VI	Roxas City	Maribeth A. Baldonado
Region VII	Cebu	Ester S. Roldan
Region VIII	Eastern Samar	Rod Alfred Lito Nicart Valdez
Region IX	Zamboanga del Sur	Riomar M. Subiza
Region XI	Davao del Sur	Joveth G. Tubiano
Region XII	General Santos City	Juluis C. Urbano
	Sarangani	Marlon P. Agad
CARAGA	Surigao del Sur	Linny Christi G. Mananquil
BARMM	Cotabato City	Julfred Jay Ebol Deloria

III. SCHOOLS*

REGION	SDO	SCHOOL**
NCR	Marikina City	TBD by RO/SDO
IV-A	Rizal	TBD by RO/SDO
Region XII	Sarangani	TBD RO/SDO

*Concerned Regional or Schools Division Offices are given the discretion to nominate or identify which school/s may be invited or requested to review and provide comments on the draft policy guidelines. The RO / SDO may issue a Regional or Division Memorandum to the identified school/s accordingly.

**1 school only