



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF MARINDUQUE



Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

SGOD-2026-186

TO: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Selected Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

FROM: **RONNIE S. MALLARI, PhD, CESO III**
Regional Director
Concurrent Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: **MONITORING AND VALIDATION OF SCHOOL SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PREPAREDNESS MEASURES, SCHOOL HEALTH MONITORING**

DATE: September 21, 2026

With reference to Regional Memorandum No. 078, s. 2026, from the Office of the Regional Director, Dr. Ronnie S. Mallari, CESO III, the Department of Education-MIMAROPA Regional Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), will conduct a **Monitoring and Validation of School Safety, Security, and Preparedness Measures** from September 29 to October 1, 2026, in the following identified priority public schools:

DATE	NAME OF SCHOOLS
September 29, 2026	Marinduque National High School
	Magapua Elementary School
	Landy National High School
September 30, 2026	Bognuyan National High School
	Buenavista National High School
October 1, 2026	Sibuyao National High School
	Matuyatuya National High School

School heads of the identified schools shall ensure the availability of pertinent records and extend full cooperation during the validation activities.

Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

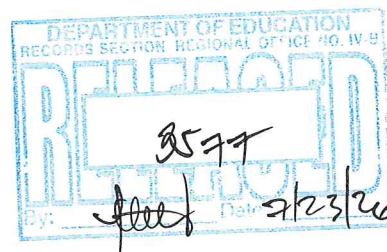
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Office of the Regional Director

July 22, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 78, s. 2026

**MONITORING AND VALIDATION OF SCHOOL SAFETY, SECURITY,
AND PREPAREDNESS MEASURES**

TO: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

1. In line with Republic Act No. 10121, Republic Act No. 9514, Republic Act No. 10627, and related DepEd issuances on School DRRM, Child Protection, and School Safety, the Department of Education Regional Office MIMAROPA, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), shall conduct the Monitoring and Validation of School Safety, Security, and Preparedness Measures in identified priority public schools.
2. The activity aims to:
 - a. Validate the implementation of school safety, security, preparedness, and child protection measures;
 - b. Assess compliance with existing DepEd policies and standards;
 - c. Identify implementation gaps and provide technical assistance; and
 - d. Recommend appropriate interventions to strengthen safe and resilient learning environments.
3. Priority schools identified through the Regional Risk-Based School Safety and Security Monitoring Framework, particularly those with high Learner Rights and Protection (LRP) concerns and safety risks, shall be covered during the scheduled monitoring.
4. Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are requested to provide the necessary coordination and assistance to the Regional Monitoring Team, including the designation of a focal person and coordination with the concerned schools. School Heads shall ensure the availability of pertinent records and extend full cooperation during the validation activities.
5. The monitoring shall be conducted following the approved schedule of visits. Travel and other authorized expenses shall be charged against the respective DPRP Funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. Attached to this Memorandum are the following annexes for reference and guidance:



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Annex A – Schedule of Monitoring and Validation Activities

Annex B – Brief Analysis of School Safety and Security Measures in DepEd MIMAROPA

Annex C – Brief Analysis of Learner Rights and Protection (LRP) Cases in DepEd MIMAROPA

7. For clarifications and other concerns, you may contact Esmeraldo G. Lalo, EdD, Chief Education Supervisor, Education Support Services Division (ESSD), or Lolaine B. Bagsic, PDO II, through email at mimaropa.region@deped.gov.ph, copy furnished essd.mimaroparegion@deped.gov.ph.

8. For information and appropriate action.

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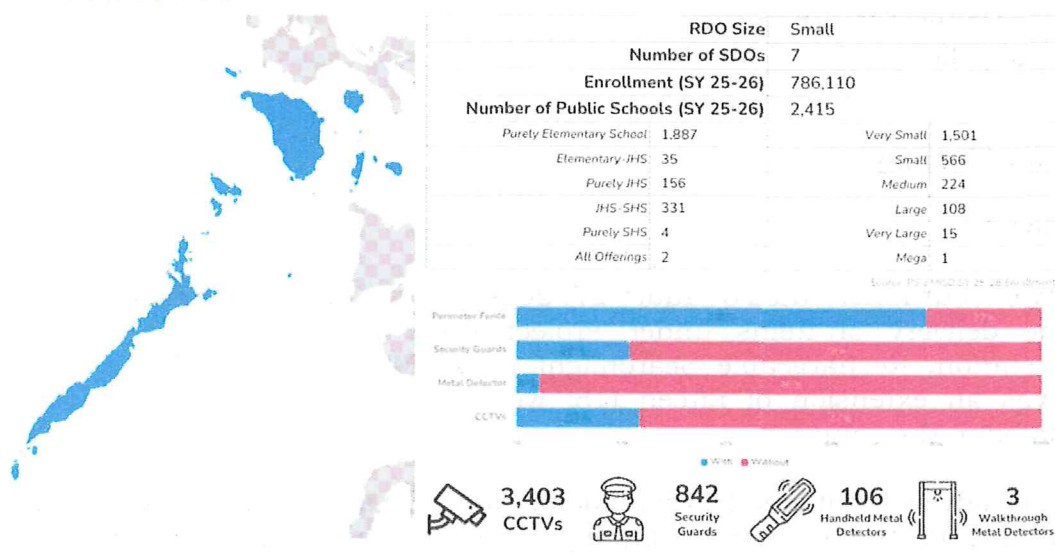
Annex A – Schedule of Monitoring and Validation Activities

Date	Schools Division Office (SDO)	Priority Areas
August 3-4, 2026	SDO Puerto Princesa City	Selected priority schools
August 5-7, 2026	SDO Palawan	Priority schools with high LRP concerns
August 24-28, 2026	SDO Romblon	Selected priority schools
September 7, 2026	SDO Calapan City	Selected priority schools
September 7-11, 2026	SDO Oriental Mindoro	Priority schools with high CAR cases
September 21-25, 2026	SDO Occidental Mindoro	Priority schools with high child abuse cases
October 5-9, 2026	SDO Marinduque	Selected priority schools

Annex B – Brief Analysis of School Safety and Security Measures in DepEd MIMAROPA

DepEd MIMAROPA serves **786,110 learners** across **2,415 public schools** in seven Schools Division Offices. Of these, **86% (2,067 schools)** are classified as **very small or small**, posing challenges in providing adequate security infrastructure and personnel.

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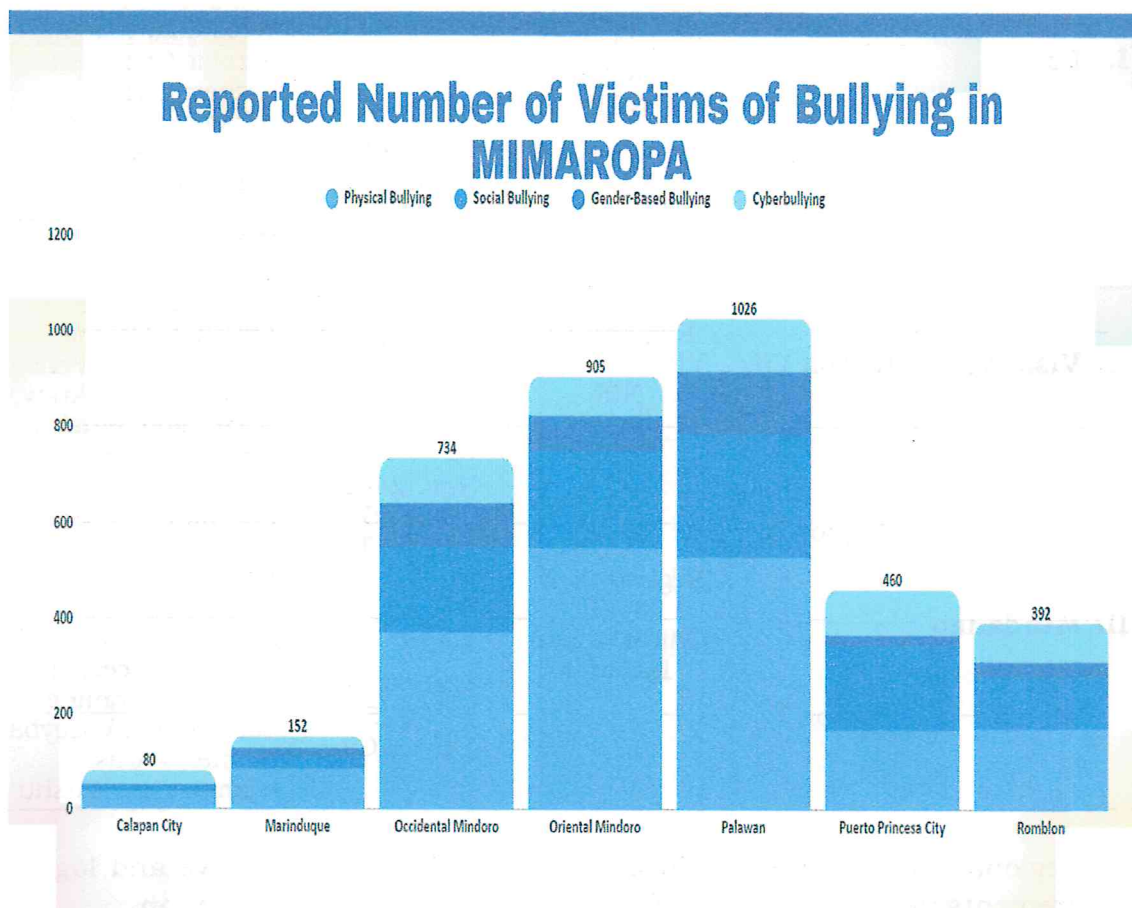
The regional data indicate that while **78% of schools have perimeter fences**, only **22% are provided with security guards** and **23% have CCTV systems**. Security screening equipment is also limited, with only **4% of schools equipped with handheld metal detectors** and only **three (3) walk-through metal detectors** available across the region.

These findings highlight significant gaps in school security and underscore the need to prioritize schools with limited security measures for monitoring, technical assistance, and appropriate interventions to strengthen safe, secure, and resilient learning environments.

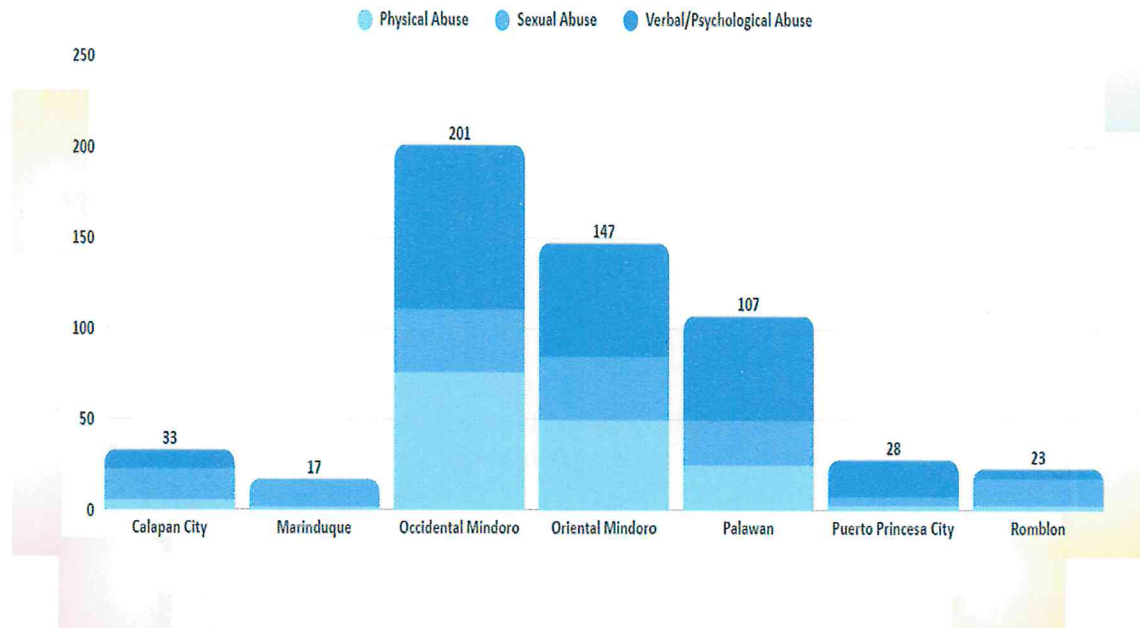
Annex C – Brief Analysis of Learner Rights and Protection (LRP) Cases in DepEd MIMAROPA

Analysis of the SY 2025–2026 Learner Rights and Protection (LRP) data indicates that **Palawan** recorded the highest number of **bullying cases (1,026)**, followed by **Oriental Mindoro (905)** and **Occidental Mindoro (734)**. For **child abuse cases**, **Occidental Mindoro** reported the highest incidence (**201 cases**), followed by **Oriental Mindoro (147)** and **Palawan (107)**. Meanwhile, **Oriental Mindoro** registered the highest number of **Children-at-Risk (CAR) cases (1,051)**, followed by **Occidental Mindoro (708)** and **Palawan (684)**.

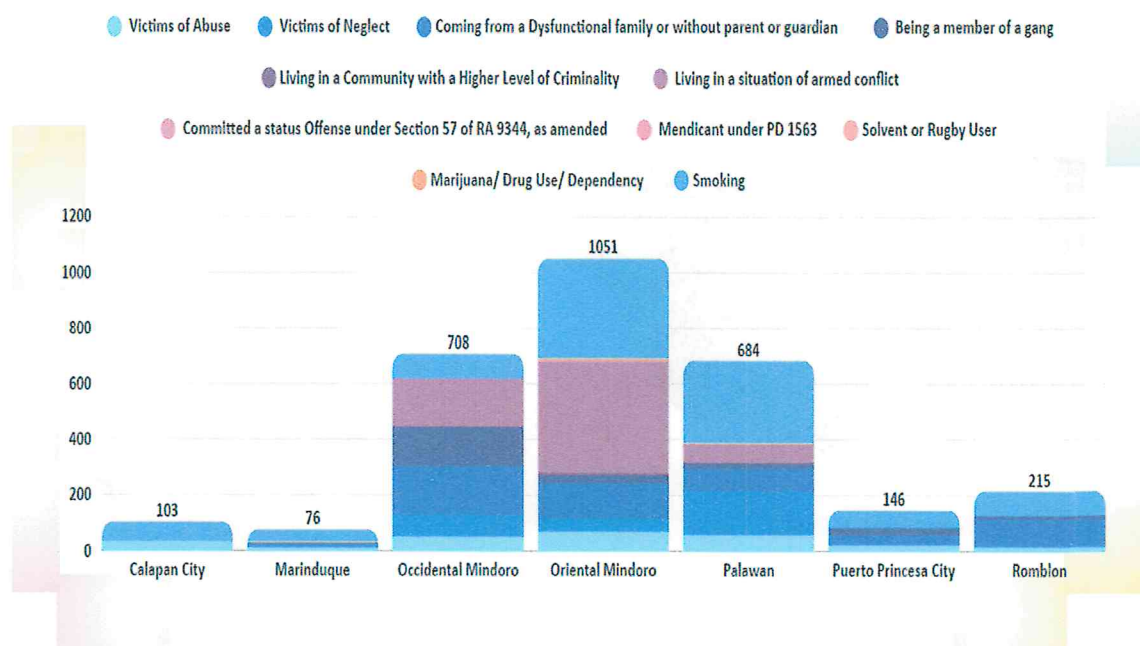
The concentration of bullying, child abuse, and children-at-risk cases in these divisions indicates elevated learner protection risks that may affect the safety and well-being of learners. These findings support the adoption of a **risk-based monitoring approach**, prioritizing schools in **Palawan, Oriental Mindoro, and Occidental Mindoro** for monitoring, validation, technical assistance, and appropriate interventions to strengthen school safety, child protection mechanisms, and learner welfare.



Reported Number of Victims of Child Abuse Cases in MIMAROPA



Reported Numbers of Children-At-Risk in MIMAROPA





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Date	List of Identified Schools per SDO
August 3-4, 2026	SDO Puerto Princesa City Selected priority schools • Salvacion Elementary School • Cabayugan Elementary School - Sugod Annex • Tagumpay Elementary • Puerto Princesa City National Science High School • Sta. Monica National High School
August 5-7, 2026	SDO Palawan Priority schools with high LRP concerns • Panibugon Elementary School • Matugbong Elementary School • Quezon National High School • Princess Urduja National High School • Paratungon East Elementary School • Candawaga Elementary School • Central Taytay National High School • Central Taytay Senior High School • Roxas National Comprehensive High School • Mendoza National Agricultural High School
August 24-28, 2026	SDO Romblon Selected priority schools • Romblon National High School • España National High School • Don Carlos M. Mejias Memorial National High School • Panaguintingan Elementary Schools • Haguimit Cultural Minority School • Magdiwang National High School • Punta Elementary School • Casidiocan National High Schools • Lumbang East National High School
September 7, 2026	SDO Calapan Selected priority schools • Silonay Elementary School • Oriental Mindoro National High School
September 8-11, 2026	SDO Oriental Mindoro Priority schools with high CAR cases • Baco National High School • San Carlos Elementary School • Malvar Elementary School • Porfirio Comia MNHS • Porfirio Comia MES

	• Leuteboro National High School • Cacawan High School • Bulalacao Central School • Bulalacao National High School • San Roque National High School • Calima Elementary School • Macatoc National High School • Ma Concepcion Elementary School • Abada College
September 21-25, 2026	SDO Occidental Mindoro Priority schools with high child abuse cases • Lubang Vocational High School • Tilik Elementay School • Kusangloob Elementary School • Tilik National High School • Binakas Elementary School • Cabra Elementary School • Tagbac Elementary School • Looc National High School • Looc Central School • Agkawayan Elementary School • Tambo Elementary School
October 5-9, 2026	SDO Marinduque Selected priority schools • Bognuyan National High School • Magapua Elementary School • Marinduque National High School • Landy National High School • Matuyatuya National High School • Buenavista National High School • Sibuyao National High School

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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY
HUMAN RESOURCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

MEMORANDUM
DM-OUHRODI-2026-2348

TO : Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Education Support Services Division Chiefs
School Governance and Operations Division Chiefs
Regional and Division Engineers/Architects
All Others Concerned

FROM : **WILFREDO E. CARRAL**
*Undersecretary for Human Resource and
Organizational Development and Infrastructure*

MALCOLM S. GARMA
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : **STRENGTHENING PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO MINIMIZE FIRE AND
OTHER PREVENTABLE INCIDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

DATE : 06 July 2026

Recent fire incidents affecting public schools have highlighted the need to strengthen preventive measures against hazards, particularly those involving electrical equipment, electrical installations, and school facilities.

While investigations are being undertaken by the appropriate authorities, these incidents emphasize the importance of regular inspection, preventive maintenance, and immediate corrective actions to protect learners, personnel, and government properties.

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9155 (Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001), Presidential Decree No.1096 (National Building Code of the Philippines), Republic Act No. 9514 (Fire Code of the Philippines of 2008), and relevant Department of Education (DepEd) issuances on safety and risk reduction management, the following directives are put in place:

1. All Regional Offices (ROs), Schools Division Offices (SDOs), and School Heads are hereby directed to ensure the implementation of the following preventive measures:
 - a. **Electrical Equipment Audit:** Conduct a comprehensive inspection of all electrical equipment, including electric fans, extension cords, appliances, lighting fixtures, and other electrical devices in classrooms, offices, and other school facilities. A separate advisory will be issued on the **School Electrical and Fire Safety Checklist** to be accomplished by concerned school personnel on the InsightED Platform.



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The inspection shall identify defective, damaged, improperly rated, uncertified where certification is required, overloaded, improperly installed, or otherwise unsafe electrical equipment and accessories requiring immediate corrective action.

- b. **Immediate Decommissioning:** Immediately remove from operational service any defective, damaged, or unserviceable electrical equipment. Such equipment shall not be kept inside classrooms or active offices while awaiting repair or replacement, shall be clearly tagged **“DO NOT USE – FOR REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, OR DISPOSAL,”** and must be transferred to a designated temporary holding area or school storage room.
- c. **Property Disposal:** Ensure proper condemnation, disposal, or repair of defective equipment in strict accordance with the DepEd Handbook on Property and Supply Management System and existing government asset management rules.
- d. **Technical Wiring Inspections:** Conduct periodic inspections of electrical wiring, electrical devices (e.g., outlets, switches, and lighting fixtures), panel boards, protective devices, and other related systems in coordination with Registered Master Electricians (RME), Registered Electrical Engineer (REE), local government unit (LGU) engineers, or authorized personnel of electric cooperatives or other qualified technical personnel recognized by appropriate regulatory authority. Priority must be given to aging school buildings [facilities constructed twenty (20) or more years prior to this issuance].
- e. **Regulation of Temporary Connections:** Strictly regulate the use of extension cords, multiple outlet adapters, and other temporary electrical connections. Ensure that only safe, compliant, and properly rated electrical devices and accessories are utilized.

For guidance on products covered by mandatory certification requirements, all concerned offices and schools shall refer to the current **List of Products under Mandatory Certification** published and regularly updated by the Department of Trade and Industry – Bureau of Philippine Standards through its official website: <https://bps.dti.gov.ph/index.php/product-certification/ps-and-icc-marks>

- f. **Fire Safety Equipment Upkeep:** Maintain all fire safety equipment, devices, systems, and facilities in serviceable and good working condition, including fire extinguishers, emergency exits, exit routes, fire detection and alarm systems, emergency lighting, and evacuation signage, ensuring their regular inspection and professional servicing using available school Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) funds, subject to applicable budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

Fire safety equipment shall be regularly inspected, tested, and serviced in accordance with applicable fire safety requirements and manufacturer recommendations. Emergency exits and evacuation routes shall remain unobstructed, unlocked during occupancy where required, clearly marked, and readily accessible.
- g. **Drills and Capacity Building:** Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2022 (Mandatory Unannounced Earthquake and Fire Drills in Schools), conduct regular fire drills and school-based orientations on fire prevention, electrical safety, and emergency response for learners, teachers, and non-teaching personnel.
- h. **Housekeeping and Mitigation:** Ensure that classrooms, offices, laboratories, workshops, storage rooms, corridors, and other school facilities are kept free from combustible materials and unnecessary electrical loads (such as non-essential appliances left plugged into power sources overnight), particularly after class hours.
- i. **Institutional Accountability:** The existing School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (SDRRM) Team, established under DepEd Order No. 21, s. 2015 (Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Coordination and Information

Management Protocol), shall serve as the school safety and inspection team, and assist the School Head in the conduct of periodic safety inspection. They shall be responsible for conducting periodic safety inspections, documenting findings, monitoring corrective actions, and maintaining records for compliance monitoring, without prejudice to the overall accountability of the School Head and other responsible personnel under existing laws, rules, and regulations.

- j. **Incident and Hazard Reporting:** Immediately report any identified fire hazards, unsafe electrical conditions, or structural or infrastructure deficiencies requiring technical intervention to the SDO for appropriate technical assessment and funding allocation.
2. All SDOs shall monitor the compliance with these directives of schools within their respective jurisdictions, provide the necessary technical assistance, and ensure that identified infrastructure deficiencies are promptly addressed.
 3. All ROs shall consolidate the compliance reports submitted by the SDOs and submit a summary report to the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations (OUGOPS), through the Human Resource and Organizational Development and Infrastructure – Education Facilities Division (EFD), within sixty (60) calendar days from the issuance of this Memorandum.
 4. Fire prevention and electrical safety shall be a shared responsibility of the ROs, SDOs, School Heads, Property Custodians, School DRRM Coordinators, teachers, and all other concerned personnel.
 5. The EFD shall provide technical guidance on school facilities, preventive maintenance, and infrastructure-related interventions, while the OUGOPS, through its concerned offices, shall oversee the overall compliance and implementation of this Memorandum.
 6. Schools shall maintain inspection records, corrective action logs, and supporting documentation of repairs, servicing, and hazard mitigation measures for monitoring, audit, and compliance purposes.
 7. Schools are encouraged to coordinate with the local offices of the Bureau of Fire Protection for fire safety inspection, fire prevention, education, and related technical assistance.
 8. **Administrative Procedure and Due Process:** Strict adherence to the directives outlined in this Memorandum is expected. Any failure or neglect by responsible officials or personnel to implement these mandates, or to report known hazards within their scope of responsibility, shall be subject to administrative sanction. Such matters shall be handled strictly in accordance with the procedural and substantive requirements of **DepEd Order No. 49, s. 2006** (Revised Rules of Procedure of the Department of Education in Administrative Cases) and applicable Civil Service Commission (CSC) rules.
 9. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with this Memorandum are hereby directed.

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TRAVEL AUTHORITY FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL

NAME	Position/Designation	Travel Date/Destination
LOLAINE B. BAGSIC HANS M. FORMENTO KEVIN A. PILIGRINO HANNAH R. PACIJA	PDO II ENGINEER III TECHNICAL ASSISTANT IV TECHNICAL ASSISTANT II	August 3-5, 2026 August 3-7, 2026 Puerto Princesa City & Palawan
HANS M. FORMENTO EMMALYN P. DE LUNA KEVIN A. PILIGRINO GIULIAN D. ROMERO	ENGINEER III ADMIN SUPPORT II TECHNICAL ASSISTANT IV TECHNICAL ASSISTANT I	August 24-28, 2026 Romblon, Romblon Sibuyan, Romblon
Emmalyn P. De Luna MARK JAYRALD V. CATAJAY KEVIN A. PILIGRINO Giulian D. Romero HANS M. FORMENTO	PDO II TECHNICAL ASSISTANT IV TECHNICAL ASSISTANT IV TECHNICAL ASSISTANT II ENGINEER III	September 28 - October 2, 2026 Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro
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Permanent of Station	DepEd MIMAROPA REGION	
Purpose of Travel (must be supported by attachments)	To conduct the Monitoring and Validation of School Safety, Security, and Preparedness Measures. and school mental health monitoring.	
Host of Activity	ESSD-DRRM	
Inclusive Dates	August to October, 2026	
Fund Source	2025 DPRP Funds	

I hereby attest that the information in this form and in the supporting documents attached hereto are true and correct.