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Department of Education



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**IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO ENSURE THE  
SAFETY OF SCHOOLCHILDREN IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS**


To : Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau/Center/Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools City/Division Superintendents  
Heads of Public and Private Schools

In light of recent findings about the safety of schoolbuildings in Metro Manila and the occurrence of recent calamities in other parts of the country, all public and private schools are hereby directed to implement the following safety measures:

1. Assessment of the physical facilities particularly schoolbuildings in public and private schools with respect to the following:
  - a. structural integrity of schoolbuildings and offices
  - b. condition of electrical wirings and their adequacy in relation to electrical loads
  - c. safety and adequacy of water supply and toilet facilities to prevent waterborne diseases and ensure environmental sanitation
2. Implementation of the necessary structural repair and other works in response to the findings and recommendations of the physical facilities assessment. Funding shall be drawn from local/school budget sources and/or from local government units.
3. Conduct of drills in June to respond to emergency conditions whenever calamities occur such as earthquake, typhoons, floods, fires, terrorist acts, etc. A nationwide earthquake drill is planned to be held on June 20, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. under the overall direction of the National Disaster Coordinating Council.
4. Organization and activation of disaster control teams from the school level up to the division, regional and central levels.

All schools and offices are further directed to seek technical assistance from other government agencies such as DPWH and local government units and local chapters of private professional organizations such as the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE) and Philippine Institute of Electrical Engineers to be able to carry out the measures suggested above.

For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.

  
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Officer-In-Charge

Reference:

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