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DepED MEMORANDUM
No. 336, s. 2006

PREVENTIVE/MITIGATION MEASURES TO LESSEN THE IMPACT
OF CALAMITIES/DISASTERS

To: Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads of Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Natural Calamities (such as landslides, earthquakes, flashfloods, volcanic eruption) as well as man-made disasters (oil spill and armed conflicts) are being felt in some areas of the country. Aside from these, rainy days are here again and typhoons, floods, landslides and heavy rains are anticipated to happen in disaster prone areas.
2. In view of this, all Bureau Directors, Regional Directors, Schools Superintendents and Chiefs of DepED Offices, Centers, Principals, School Heads of both public and private elementary and secondary schools are advised to initiate preventive/mitigation measures to lessen the impact and protect the schoolchildren from harmful effects of all kinds of calamities/disasters.
3. In line with DepED Memorandum No. 300, s. 2006, "Conduct of Quarterly Earthquake Drills in Schools and DepED Regional and Division Offices", all concerned DepED officials are advised to coordinate with the Local Disaster Coordinating Council and PHIVOLCS. They may secure from these offices a copy of the "Guidelines on How to Conduct Earthquake Drills in Schools" and two evaluation forms - one for the conduct of the drill and one for the effectiveness of the guidelines.
4. For the third quarter, earthquake drills was conducted last September 20, 2006 and for the fourth quarter, drills shall be on December 1, 2006. Reports of all drills/activities conducted shall be submitted to the Physical Facilities and Schools Engineering Division (PFSED) through fax number (02) 633-72-63 or through LBC not later than October 30, 2006 (third quarter report) and January 30, 2007 (fourth quarter report) for consolidation and submission to the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) and the Office of the President (through the Presidential Management Staff), Malacañang, Manila.
5. Likewise, incidences of disasters/calamities affecting schools and schoolchildren and mitigating/preventive measures undertaken to reduce their impact shall be reported immediately to PFSED for consolidation and submission to the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC). These include the present situations in Regions V (Bicol Region) and VI (Western Visayas), that is, the effects of the Mayon Volcano eruption and the oil spill in Guimaras.

6. For materials, brochures and information regarding all forms/kinds of disasters/calamities, all concerned may coordinate with the Local Disaster Coordinating Councils (LDCCs) for assistance.

7. Wide dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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Reference:

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