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 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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TO : **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

FROM : **JOCELYN DR. ANDAYA** 
 Director IV

SUBJECT : **REITERATION OF DEPED-ORDER NO. 053, S. 2022 AND DEPED POLICY ON THE MAINTENANCE OF CLEAN SCHOOLS**

DATE : February 20, 2024

- Attached is DepEd Memorandum OM-OUOPS -2024-01-001191 re: Reiteration of DepEd Order No. 053, s. 2022 and DepEd Policy on the Maintenance of Clean Schools, the content of which is self-explanatory.
- Attention is particularly invited to the paragraph 2 and 3 of the aforesaid Memorandum.
- Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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FOR : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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SUBJECT : REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 053, S. 2022 AND DEPED
POLICY ON THE MAINTENANCE OF CLEAN SCHOOLS

DATE : February 15, 2024

This Office issues this Memorandum to reiterate DepEd Order No. 053, s. 2022 titled *Mandatory Unannounced Earthquake and Fire Drills in Schools* issued on December 9, 2022. Section 4 of the Order states that **“all public schools are hereby required to conduct unannounced earthquake and fire drills every first and third week of every month.”** The directive is pursuant to Republic Act No. 10121 or *The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010* which aims to develop disaster management capacities at the individual, organizational, and institutional levels; as well as the commitment of the Department of ensuring the safety and well-being of learners and its personnel.

Furthermore, please be also advised of the Department’s Clean Schools Policy, which is stipulated in Section B.2. of DepEd Order No. 021, s. 2023, as follows:

“Schools shall ensure that school grounds, classrooms and all its walls, and other school facilities are clean and free from unnecessary artwork, decorations, tarpaulin, and posters at all times. . . Classroom walls shall remain bare and devoid of posters, decorations or other posted materials. Classrooms should not be used to stockpile materials and should be clear of other unused items or items for disposal.”

All regional and schools division offices are directed to establish their respective monitoring mechanisms and ensure the continuing compliance of schools with the aforementioned policies of the Department.

For wide dissemination and strict compliance.



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