

Republic of the Philippines

Department of Education

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 408, s. 2024

To: Schools Division Superintendents

Heads, Public Schools All Other Concerned

REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER No. 037, S. 2022 GUIDELINES ON THE CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION OF CLASSES AND WORK IN SCHOOLS IN THE EVENT OF NATURAL DISASTERS, POWER OUTAGES/POWER INTERRUPTIONS, AND OTHER CALAMITIES

- 1. The learner's well-being is a paramount consideration as they attend face to face classes particularly during extreme weather condition. In light of the El Niño phenomenon, which is expected to continue until May 2024, this Office reiterates the provisions of DepEd Order No. 037, s. 2022, titled "Guidelines on the Cancellation or Suspension of Classes and Work in Schools in the Event of Natural Disasters, Power Outages/Power Interruptions, and other Calamities.
- 2. Consequently, OASOPS Memorandum No. 2023-077 titled "Reiteration of the Implementation of Modular Distance Learning" and OUOPS Memorandum No. 2024-04-01477 titled "Mitigating Measures for Extreme Heat/El Nino" dated April 1, 2024 School Heads are reminded of their authority and responsibility, to suspend in-person classes and switch to alternative delivery modes in cases of unfavorable weather environment such as, but not limited to, extreme heat which poses health risks hindering learning and productivity.
- 3. Furthermore, during the suspension of in-person classes, teaching school personnel, including ALS teachers, and non-teaching school personnel shall not be required to report to work, except those who are mandated to render security, safety, finance, engineering, sanitation, health, and disaster response duties.
- 4. Moreover, Schools Division Superintendents are reminded to monitor and report the schools that suspended in-person classes and implemented alternative delivery modes to the Regional Director copy furnished the DRRMS.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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