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**REGION III- CENTRAL LUZON** SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ

April 5, 2024

### SCHOOLS DIVISION MEMORANDUM No. 135

s. 2024

## PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE WARM AND DRY SEASON

- To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent **Chief Education Supervisors** Public Elementary and Secondary Schoolheads All Others Concerned
- In consideration of the health and well-being of the learners during this summer 1. season, this Office reiterates the safety, orderliness, and cleanliness of the schools within the division to mitigate the effect of said weather phenomenon.
- 2. Relative to the Regional Memorandum No. ESSD-2024-092 titled Preparedness Measures for Warm and Dry Season and OUOPS Memorandum No. 2024-04-02477 titled Mitigating Measures for Extreme Heat/El Niño, this Office, through the Schools Governance and Operations Division (SGOD), instructs all schools and offices to take necessary measures to ensure safety and well-being of all DepEd Personnel, teaching and non-teaching personnel, and most importantly, the learners.
- The measures to manage and mitigate the harmful effect of the extreme weather 3. condition include the following:

a. Ensure that:

- i. each class adheres to the ideal class size or classroom-student ratio;
- ii. all classrooms have no broken windows and that all windows in every classroom can be opened easily to allow adequate airflow;
- iii. there are sufficient functional electric fans in every classroom, if there are broken electric fans fix immediately to add comfort and ventilation, if possible upgrade ventilation system of classrooms and other school facilities for conducive learning;
- obstructions hindering airflow, such as cabinets, playpens, curtains, and iv. blinds are removed in every classroom to allow proper air circulation;





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- v. there is an adequate supply of water. Spray water within the school grounds before the start of classes and during break times;
- vi. classrooms exposed to direct sunlight are provided with improvised shades to reduce the heat impact from sunlight entering the classroom;
- vii. a water dispenser/water jug with ice is provided inside every classroom.
- viii. electrical equipment and appliances are regularly checked to prevent faulty wirings;
- ix. classrooms are not painted with dark colors or standard paint color for classroom walls is maintained;
- x. classrooms with extreme heat are identified and provided with interventions.

b. During teaching and learning, ensure that:

- i. outdoor or outside the classroom activities are limited if not avoided. Exercise caution during unavoidable outdoor activities. Avoid strenuous physical activities.
- ii. Instructional materials, self-learning modules, textbooks and activity sheets for appropriate learning delivery modalities are sufficient;

c. Teachers instruct learners to:

- i. avoid direct exposure to heat and use sun protection at open area (e.g. umbrella, hat, sunscreen);
- ii. drink plenty of water;
- iii. bring their own tumbler, solar fan (if available);
- iv. wear light, breathable clothing, preferably white colored shirt;
- d. Continue planting trees in the school, especially near the classroom with identified source of extreme heat;
- e. Monitor regularly the heat index within the locality;
- f. Monitor the health status of learners and personnel. Record daily the individuals affected by excessive heat, such as students experiencing nosebleeds, teachers with elevated blood pressure, and others.
- g. The first aid kits and 'Go Bags' are regularly checked. Encourage everyone to bring a face towel for personal refreshment.





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3. In line with this, SGOD teams will inspect and monitor school situations on April 5 & 8, 2024.

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- 4. Prior to the scheduled inspection and monitoring of school situations, schoolheads are advised to conduct a school environment check using the tool that will be forwarded to the Facebook Group chat and take appropriate actions to reduce heat inside their school premises during the summer months.
- 5. For more information, all concerned may contact the Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) Division Coordinator through cellphone no. 0916-4950-559 or email address: rosan.ariston@deped.gov.ph
- 6. Immediate and strict compliance of this Memorandum is desired.



Encl: None Reference: RM No. ESSD-2024-092 and OUOPS Memorandum No. 2024-04-02477 To be indicated in the <u>Perpetual Index</u> Under the following subjects:

#### WARM SEASON

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