

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Cordillera Administrative Region
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BAGUIO CITY

Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 496, s. 2022

**REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER 53, s. 2022
(MANDATORY UNANNOUNCED EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE DRILLS IN SCHOOLS)**

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Education Program Supervisor (SGOD)
Public Schoolheads
School DRRM Coordinators
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to DepEd Order 53, s. 2022 entitled "Mandatory Unannounced Earthquake and Fire Drills in Schools," all schools are required to comply with the policy starting January 2023. Under paragraph four (4) of the said DepEd Order, it states that **"all public schools are required to conduct unannounced earthquake and fire drills every first and third week of every month."**
2. As part of the monitoring on schools' compliance to the policy, all School DRRM Coordinator are requested to inform the Division DRRM Coordinator on the date of their unannounced drills through this link: tinyurl.com/BAGUIOMONITOR. Every month, the SDRRM Coordinator should input the date of their drill.
3. The Division DRRM Coordinator will randomly visit schools to check the proper execution of the drills.
4. For the detailed instructions, attached to this memorandum is a copy of DepEd Order 52, s. 2022.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Schools Division Superintendent



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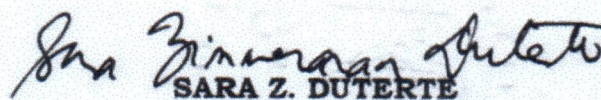
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earthquake. The plan shall specifically lay down the response should there be a scenario involving mass casualties of learners and personnel.

7. Schools shall refer to DepEd Order (DO) No. 27, s. 2015 titled Promoting Family Earthquake Preparedness, for materials that may be used by learners and their families as guide in the preparation before, during, and after the occurrence of an earthquake.
8. Private schools, community learning centers, as well as state/local universities and colleges (SUCs/LUCs) may choose to adopt the provisions of this DO as basis in the conduct of their own earthquake and fire drills for the disaster preparedness of their students.
9. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


SARA Z. DUTERTE

*Vice President of the Philippines
Secretary of the Department of Education*

Reference:

DepEd Order No. 27, s. 2015

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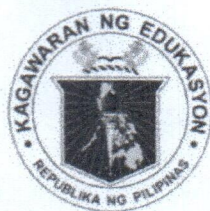
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No. **053**, s. 2022

MANDATORY UNANNOUNCED EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE DRILLS IN SCHOOLS

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau, Service and Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Located within the seismically active Pacific "Ring of Fire", the Philippines is prone to natural disasters and earthquakes. These natural hazards, coupled with vulnerabilities, increase the risk of disasters in schools and communities.
2. Aside from natural disasters, man-made catastrophes also pose serious risks and threats to the safety and security of the students, teachers, and other school personnel.
3. Emergencies and calamities **may** strike anywhere and anytime. Thus, having an effective preparedness **plan is the** key in preventing disasters and saving lives. Accordingly, local **drills and simulation exercises** are preventive measures that familiarize **escape routes** and reinforce proper actions in the occurrence of a calamity. **Frequent practice** of these drills and exercises would eventually turn these actions **into automatic reflexes** that would manifest during an actual calamity.
4. Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 10121 entitled The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, which promotes the development of capacities in disaster management at the individual, organizational, and institutional levels; aligned with the Department's commitment of ensuring the safety and well-being of its learners and school personnel, all public schools are hereby required to conduct **unannounced earthquake and fire drills every first and third week of every month**.
5. The **School Heads**, with the assistance of School Disaster and Risk Reduction Management **Coordinators**, shall spearhead the planning, implementation, and regular **monitoring** of these drills in their respective schools. These drills are to ensure that all learners are properly guided on what should be done during and after an earthquake or occurrences of fire in schools.
6. All schools in the National Capital Region, Rizal, Cavite, Laguna, and Bulacan, shall create a separate and specific disaster plan for a magnitude 7 or higher