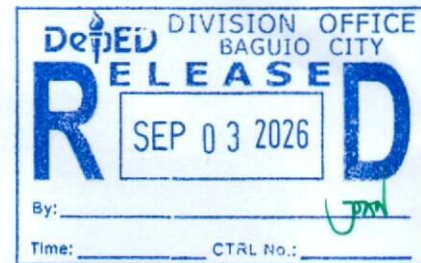




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Cordillera Administrative Region
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BAGUIO CITY



02 September 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. ~~573-2026~~

**GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS
SCHOOL SAFETY DRILL (NSSSD) IN THE SCHOOLS DIVISION OF
BAGUIO CITY**

To: Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
School DRRM Coordinators
All Others Concerned

1. Relevant to Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026, with the subject "Conduct of Nationwide Simultaneous School Safety Drill," schools shall ensure that all necessary preparatory and safeguarding measures are in place before proceeding with the drill. Thus, if the school is not yet ready, it is advised not to proceed with the conduct of the drill.

2. Moreover, before proceeding with the drill once the school is ready, the Term Examination scheduled on September 2-3, 2026 shall be taken into consideration to ensure that the conduct of the drill will not add unnecessary burden or distraction to learners during the examination period.

3. However, the non-participation of schools under the Schools Division Office of Baguio City in the Nationwide Simultaneous School Safety Drill (NSSSD) on September 3, 2026 does not mean that the drill will no longer be conducted. In this regard, all schools are directed to continue their preparedness activities in anticipation of the conduct of the drill, including, but not limited to, the following:

- **School Readiness and Risk Assessment.** Finalize the school contingency plan; establish and check the functionality of the early warning system; secure the school perimeter; ensure the safety of classrooms, rooms, and other school facilities; and coordinate the planned drill with concerned stakeholders.
- **Learner Preparation, Consent, and Safeguarding.** Orient learners, parents/guardians, and other concerned stakeholders on the planned conduct of the drill. Secure informed written parental or guardian consent and learner assent, as appropriate, and identify learners who may not yet be ready or may be unable to participate in the drill.
- **Classroom Discussion and Protective-Action Walkthrough.** Teachers shall orient learners on the purpose and expectations of the drill, the appropriate safety protocols and protective actions to be undertaken, and other necessary procedures. A classroom-level walkthrough may also be conducted to familiarize learners with the proper actions and procedures during an emergency.



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4. For queries or clarifications, please contact Cliftone K. Bangse-il, PDOII – DRRM.
5. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.


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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM:
OM-OUGOPS-2026-

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
SCHOOL HEADS

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA
Undersecretary
Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations *[Signature]*

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS SCHOOL SAFETY
DRILL

DATE : August 28, 2026

The Department of Education (DepEd) reiterates its commitment to strengthening the preparedness and response capacity of schools for incidents involving active threats and other emergencies. In line with the School Contingency Plan for Incidents Involving Active Shooters, the Department shall conduct the **National Simultaneous School Safety Drill on September 3, 2026 (Thursday)**, with the national ceremonial venue at Carlos F. Gonzales High School in Maguinao, San Rafael, Bulacan, and simultaneous regional ceremonial venues across the country.

The activity, originally scheduled on August 25, 2026, has been rescheduled to September 3, 2026. All concerned offices and schools are directed to adjust their logistical and operational preparations accordingly.

I. OBJECTIVES

The Nationwide Simultaneous Safety Drill aims to:

1. Strengthen the capacity of schools to implement their **Localized School Contingency Plan** for incidents involving active threats;
2. Validate the effectiveness of established lockdown, concealment, evacuation, emergency communication, and reunification procedures;