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MITIGATING MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF HEAVY TRAFFIC ON LEARNERS' ATTENDANCE AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

To: Chief ES, Curriculum Implementation Division
Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads
Others concerned

1. In view of the heavy traffic congestion currently experienced in Baguio City due to the increased influx of visitors, which has affected the timely arrival of learners in schools, the Division calls for the adoption of reasonable and responsive measures to minimize disruptions to teaching and learning activities and ensure that learners are not unduly disadvantaged by circumstances beyond their control.

2. In this regard, **schools whose learners are affected by the prevailing heavy traffic situation** are directed to observe the following mitigating measures:

a. **Consideration in Learners' Attendance.** Schools shall exercise reasonable consideration in recording the attendance of learners who arrive late due to traffic congestion. Such circumstances shall not automatically result in penalties or adverse consequences for the affected learners.

b. **Adjustment of Classroom Assessments.** School heads shall consider postponing formative assessments, quizzes, and other time-sensitive learning activities scheduled during the affected period to ensure that learners who experience delayed arrival are not academically disadvantaged.

c. **Flexibility in Submission of Learning Outputs.** Teachers shall provide reasonable extensions or adjustments in the submission of learning outputs and other requirements when delays or absences are attributable to the prevailing traffic conditions.

d. **Adjustment of Classroom Learning Activities.** Teachers are encouraged to conduct review lessons or reinforcement activities instead of introducing new lessons during the affected period. This will allow learners who arrive late due to traffic congestion to participate meaningfully without missing essential new lesson discussions.

e. **Alternative Learning Arrangements, When Necessary.** For schools experiencing significant disruptions in learners' access to school, school heads may consider appropriate distance learning or other alternative delivery

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arrangements, subject to existing DepEd policies and coordination with the concerned Public Schools District Supervisor (PSDS).

f. Timely Dismissal of Learners. Schools shall ensure the timely dismissal of learners immediately after their scheduled class hours. Learners shall be advised to proceed directly home and avoid unnecessary stays within school premises or loitering in public spaces after school hours to minimize exposure to afternoon traffic congestion.

3. Public Schools District Supervisors shall coordinate with their respective school heads to determine the extent of the traffic-related disruptions, monitor the implementation of appropriate mitigating measures, and provide necessary guidance and assistance to affected schools.

4. School heads shall ensure that parents and guardians are properly informed of the arrangements adopted by their respective schools, with due consideration for learner safety, equitable access to learning, and the continuity of instruction.

5. Private schools in the Division may adopt the foregoing mitigating measures, as applicable, to ensure that their learners are afforded reasonable consideration amid the prevailing traffic situation.

6. These measures shall be implemented as necessary during the period of significant traffic disruption, subject to further assessment and advisories from this Office.

7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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