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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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TO:

Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Chief Education Supervisors, SGOD and CID Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads

FROM:

REBONFAMIL R. BAGUIO
Schools Division Superintendent

DATE:

June 18, 2019

SUBJECT: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, PREVENTION, AND MITIGATION MEASURES FOR THE RAINY SEASON

1. The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAG-ASA) released a statement declaring the onset of the rainy season on June 14, 2019. With this, all schools must observe disaster preparedness, prevention, and mitigation measures to ensure the safety of all learners, personnel, and school properties which include learning materials and vital school records.

- 2. Schools are advised to do the following:
 - a. Ensure that school buildings can withstand heavy rain and strong winds;
 - b. Identify storage area for safekeeping of learning materials, teachers' manuals, vital records and equipment (fax, laptops, computers, photocopiers, TVs, VCRs, among other machines), preferably on an elevated room to ensure protection from rain or flood;
 - c. Reinforce policy on turning off and unplugging of electrical equipment and appliances when not in use;
 - d. Ensure that the database of student and their family contact details is udpated;
 - e. Post emergency hotline numbers in classrooms and offices
 - f. Ensure that drainage system in school is unclogged;
 - g. Identify and put signage to slippery areas;
 - h. Equip school with first aid kits, flashlights, megaphones, and other necessary supplies that may be needed in times of emergencies; and
 - i. Maintain open communication with the Division DRRM Coordinator for any needed assistance.

For DepED personnel and learners:

- a. Educate personnel and learners about weather disturbances, including typhoon signals rainfall warnings and possible effects and measures to undertake, using the DOST and PAG-ASA website;
- Educate school children on preparedness for tropical cyclones, flood and other related hazards; and
- c. Educate school children and their parents about health related effects resulting from the rainy season, e.g. Dengue.

- 3. All are advised to observe strict compliance of DepED Order No. 43, s. 2012 re: Guidelines on the Implementation of Executive Order No. 66, s. 2012 (Prescribing Rules on the Cancellation of Classes and Work in Governance Offices Due to Typhoons, Flooding, Other Weather Disturbances and Calamities).
- 4. Involvement of students, their families, and communities in preparing for disasters is highly encouraged.
- 5. Should there be queries, contact **Jimdandy S. Lucine**, Project Development Officer II, through **0917 115 6864**.

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