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**DIVISION ADVISORY**

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Date: **March 11, 2024**

Subject: **DIVISION RESPONSE TO THE ALLEGED DATA BREACH**

In view of the alleged data breach obtained by a threat actor named "SKYWRRL" claiming to have obtained sensitive information from this Office such as employee BP numbers, account details, complete names, and official email addresses, among others, all personnel of this Division is hereby informed that such personal information are all stored in a separate and secure database and has remained entirely intact and unaffected by the alleged cyberattack.

Nonetheless, the ICT Unit has taken swift measures to address this incident and is currently conducting a comprehensive inventory to ascertain the nature and extent of any potential data exfiltration.

The management also assures the field that the incident is under control and that no personal or confidential information has been compromised or leaked. We have already coordinated with the DepEd Central Office, Department of Information and Communication Technology and other concerned government agency to conduct a forensic investigation and assessment to this incident. The incident was also properly coordinated to the following institutions and agencies such as PhilHealth, PagIBIG Fund, GSIS, Development Bank of the Philippines which ensures the Office that our accounts are safe and secured. Further, the DBP recommends the regular changing of Personal Identification Number (PIN) of the respective ATM Cards for added layer of security.

However, the teaching and non-teaching personnel are hereby advised to take the following steps as a precaution:

- a. monitoring for any unauthorized activities in their DepEd emails;
- b. changing passwords for all DepEd emails;
- c. enabling the 2-step verification in DepEd accounts;
- d. changing of PIN of the ATM Cards;
- e. exercising caution when dealing with phishing emails and smishing (SMS phishing) texts;



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- f. refrain from engaging with or sharing malicious posts related to the alleged data breach.

Further inquiries and updates may be coursed through our Public Information Officer or our IT Officer.



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