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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
NO. 427, s. 2026

**CONDUCT OF THE NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS SCHOOL SAFETY DRILL FOR
ACTIVE ATTACK INCIDENTS**

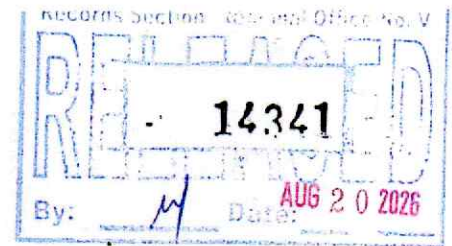
TO : **Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
School Heads, Private and Public Schools
School DRRM Coordinators
Administrative Support-DRRM
All others concerned**

1. In connection with the Regional **Memorandum No. 01113, s. 2026 dated August 20, 2026**, the Nationwide Simultaneous School Safety Drill for Active Attack Incidents in all public/private schools is set on **August 25, 2026, 9 a.m. in the morning**.
2. This is in view of the DepEd's commitment to ensure safe, secure, and resilient learning environments, and in response to the increasing occurrence of active shooting and other active attack incidents affecting schools and communities worldwide.
3. As part of this initiative, all public elementary and secondary schools and DepEd offices are enjoined to conduct the Nationwide Simultaneous School Safety Drill on the same date.
4. Attached herein copy of the Regional Memorandum for your reference.
5. For information, guidance and compliance.

MARIA-MAGNOLIA F. BRIOSO
OIC-Schools Division Superintendent



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION V - BICOL



20 August 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 01113 s. 2026

**CONDUCT OF THE NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS SCHOOL SAFETY DRILL
FOR ACTIVE ATTACK INCIDENTS**

To : Schools Division Superintendents
Regional and Division DRRM Coordinators
Division DRRM Coordinators
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
School Public Assistance Coordinators
All Concerned

1. Relative to the Memorandum on the Conduct of the Nationwide Simultaneous School Safety Drill for Active Attack Incidents in all public/private schools set on August 25, 2026, DepEd Regional Office V, in collaboration with the Division of Albay, the Local Government Unit (LGU), Philippine National Police (PNP), Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), and other relevant stakeholders, shall hold the Regional School Safety Drill at **San Fernando HS, Sto. Domingo, Albay**, on August 25, 2026, at 9:00 in the morning.

2. This is in view of the DepEd's commitment to ensure safe, secure, and resilient learning environments, and in response to the increasing occurrence of active shooting and other active attack incidents affecting schools and communities worldwide. The nationwide conduct of the National Simultaneous School Safety Drill for Active Attack Incidents is expected to strengthen schools' readiness to prevent and respond to active attack incidents, enhance coordination among school personnel and external partners, validate localized contingency plans, and promote continuous improvement in school emergency preparedness.

3. As part of this initiative, all public elementary and secondary schools and DepEd offices are enjoined to conduct the Nationwide Simultaneous School Safety Drill on the same date, August 25, 2026. Before the activity, the following measures shall be undertaken:

- a. Develop, review, update, and localize the School Contingency Plan for Active Attack Incidents, and coordinate its implementation with the Local Government Unit (LGU), Philippine National Police (PNP), Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), and other relevant stakeholders;
- b. Identify and address preparedness requirements necessary for the conduct of the drill, including:
 - Installation of double-locking mechanisms or other appropriate classroom security measures;



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- Posting of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials;
 - Identification of family reunification areas;
 - Designation of safe rooms, evacuation routes, and emergency communication procedures, and
 - Adoption of other preparedness measures appropriate to the school's risk assessment.
- c. Coordinate with stakeholders and invite at least one (1) Expert as an External Evaluator. Schools shall coordinate with the Parents Teachers Association (PTA), Local Government Unit (LGU), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (LDRRMO), and other relevant partners to ensure the orderly conduct of the drill. Schools shall likewise invite one (1) representative from the stakeholders or other appropriate emergency response agencies to serve as an external evaluator and provide observations and recommendations to improve the school's contingency plan and future school safety drills.
- d. Activate the School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (SDRRM) Team. This is to ensure that members perform their respective responsibilities in accordance with the localized contingency plan.
4. For the School Safety Drill, all schools must follow these procedures as stipulated in the said Memorandum:
- Part 1: Pre-Incident – Preparation and Prevention
 - Incident Management Team (IMT) Activation Matrix
 - Physical Site Hardening Checklist and Logistics
 - Part 2: During the Incident
 - Threat is Inside the Building (Lockdown)
 - Emergency Communications Directory
 - Part 3: Law Enforcement, Mass Casualty, and Evacuation Protocols
 - Reacting to arriving PNP
 - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Triage Integration
 - Off-Site Evacuation and Family Reunification Plan
 - Part 4: Post-Incident – Recovery and Learning Continuity
 - Psychological First Aid (PFA) Implementation
 - DepEd 4 H Learning Continuity Matrix (Hinto, Hinga, Hinay, Hayo)
 - After-Action Review (AAR) Commitment
5. The practical guides, templates, and tools to help the schools develop and strengthen their contingency plans can be accessed through this link:

<https://bit.ly/4oSmov8>



6. All schools are further reminded that the conduct of the drill should prioritize the safety and psychological well-being of learners and personnel. Simulation activities shall be age-appropriate, trauma-informed, and focused on preparedness, protective actions, coordinated response, and post-incident recovery. A copy of the BILIB GTS contextualized Psychological First Aid (PFA) Modules, which can be used by PFA Providers and/or Facilitators for the provision of psychosocial support services to learners, can be found through this link:

https://bit.ly/BILIB-GTS_PPT



7. The Roles and Responsibilities of the DepEd Offices are indicated below to facilitate the orderly implementation of the activity:

- Regional Office – through the Regional DRRM Coordinator, shall monitor implementation and provide technical assistance to Schools Division Offices.
- Schools Division Offices, through the Division DRRM Coordinators, shall monitor schools, provide technical assistance, and validate submissions, as necessary.
- School Heads, through the School DRRM Coordinators, shall localize and implement the contingency plan, activate the SDRRM Team, coordinate with stakeholders, facilitate the conduct of the drill, invite an external evaluator, and submit all required reports through the official online reporting platform.

8. Schools that are unable to conduct the drill on August 25, 2026 shall immediately notify their respective Division DRRM Coordinator, indicating the reason for postponement and the proposed schedule for implementation.

9. All schools must submit the required reports through the Nationwide Simultaneous School Safety Drill for Active Attack Incidents Online Reporting Form, which should include:

- Accomplished Evaluation Form
- Means of Verification (MOVs), including photo and video of documentation; and
- Updated School Contingency Plan for Active Attack Incidents

Online Reporting Form: <https://forms.gle/2iuBchYGURSEYA7s9>

10. All Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are also requested to submit the Division Consolidated Report on the total number of schools that conducted the School Safety Drill on August 25, 2026.

11. Coordination Meeting and School Visit and Preparations will be held on the following dates for the School Safety Drill:

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Concerned Persons</i>
Initial Meeting	August 20, 2026, 9:00 am Venue: SDO Albay	Regional/Division DRRM Team and Division Officials
School Visit and Preparations Meeting with Stakeholders (PNP, BFP, Brgy. Officials, MLGU)	August 20, 2026, 2:00 pm Venue: San Fernando HS, Sto. Domingo, Albay	Regional/Division DRRM Team and Division Officials

12. Meals and other incidental expenses relative to the conduct of the Activity shall be charged against local funds, Regional/Division/School MOOE, and other fund sources subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

13. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is desired.



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To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:
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8/20/2026



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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

FROM : 
FATMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff
Office of the Secretary and Procurement

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF THE NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS SCHOOL
SAFETY DRILL FOR ACTIVE ATTACK INCIDENTS

DATE : AUGUST 12, 2026

This Office directs the conduct of the **Nationwide Simultaneous School Safety Drill for Active Attack Incidents on August 25, 2026 (Tuesday) at exactly 9:00 A.M.** The Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), in coordination with the regional and division offices, shall instruct all public and private elementary and secondary schools to conduct a drill based on their localized School Contingency Plan for Active Attack Incidents.

This is in view of the Department of Education's commitment to ensuring safe, secure, and resilient learning environments, and in response to the increasing occurrence of active shooting and other active attack incidents affecting schools and communities worldwide, the Department continuously strengthens school preparedness through preventive planning, capacity building, and emergency response measures.

To ensure the effective conduct of the activity, all schools shall undertake the following preparatory and implementation activities:

1. **Develop and Localize the School Contingency Plan.** Schools shall develop, review, or update their School Contingency Plan for Active Attack Incidents using the attached policy, templates, and reference materials. A copy of the approved contingency plan shall be shared with the Local Government Unit (LGU), Philippine National Police (PNP), and Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) to strengthen coordination and preparedness. The contingency plan shall be approved by the School Head and acknowledged by the Schools Division Superintendent.

2. **Identify Preparedness Requirements.** Schools shall identify and address the necessary preparedness measures and logistical requirements for the conduct of the drill, including but not limited to:

- Installation of double-locking mechanisms or other appropriate classroom security measures;
- Posting of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials;
- Identification of family reunification areas;
- Designation of safe rooms, evacuation routes, and emergency communication procedures; and
- Other preparedness measures appropriate to the school's risk assessment.

3. **Coordinate with Stakeholders and Invite one (1) Expert as an External Evaluator.** Schools shall coordinate with the PTA, LGU, PNP, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (LDRRMO), and other relevant partners to ensure the orderly conduct of the drill. Schools shall likewise invite at least one (1) representative from the stakeholders or other appropriate emergency response agencies to serve as an external evaluator and provide observations and recommendations to improve the school's contingency plan and future school safety drills.

4. **Activate the School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (SDRRM) Team.** Schools shall activate their SDRRM Team and ensure that members perform their respective roles in accordance with the localized contingency plan.

Schools are reminded that the conduct of the drill shall prioritize the safety and psychological well-being of learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel. Simulation activities shall be age-appropriate, trauma-informed, and focused on preparedness, protective actions, coordinated response, and post-incident recovery.

Roles and Responsibilities

To facilitate the orderly and coordinated implementation of the activity, the following roles and responsibilities shall be observed by the concerned offices and personnel:

Office/Personnel	Roles and Responsibilities
Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Services (DepEd Central Office)	• The role of the DRRMS is to provide the standard School Contingency Plan template and other relevant reference materials and resources to support schools in the development and

Office/Personnel	Roles and Responsibilities
	implementation of their contingency plans.
Regional Offices (through the Regional DRRM Coordinators)	• Monitor and provide technical assistance to Schools Division Offices to ensure compliance with this Memorandum.
Schools Division Offices (through the Division DRRM Coordinators)	• Monitor and provide technical assistance to schools to ensure compliance with this Memorandum. • Validate school submissions, as necessary.
School Heads (through the School DRRM Coordinators)	• Localize and implement the School Contingency Plan. • Activate the School DRRM (SDRRM) Team. • Coordinate with stakeholders. • Facilitate the conduct of the drill. • Conduct an evaluation facilitated by the invited external evaluator. • Accomplish and submit all required reports through the official online submission link.

Conduct of the Drill

- The Nationwide Simultaneous School Safety Drill for Active Attack Incidents shall be conducted on **August 25, 2026 (Tuesday) at 9:00 A.M.** A **ceremonial venue for the conduct of the safety drill shall be identified in each region**, wherein the Regional DRRM Coordinator shall select one school to serve as the venue for the simultaneous drill.
- While the ceremonial venues shall serve as the designated sites for the simultaneous conduct of the drill, **all schools are strongly encouraged to conduct their respective Active Attack Incident Drill**, whether on the prescribed date or on an adjusted schedule, to ensure nationwide participation. (See Annex D for the list of designated ceremonial venues per region).
- Schools that are **unable to conduct the drill on the prescribed date** shall immediately notify their respective Division DRRM Coordinator, indicating the

reason for the postponement and their proposed schedule for the conduct of the drill.

- Schools that have **already conducted the drill prior to the prescribed date** shall no longer be required to repeat the activity and may proceed with the **submission of the necessary documentary requirements** through the designated online submission form.

Reporting Requirements

Following the conduct of the drill, all schools shall accomplish the Nationwide Simultaneous School Safety Drill for Active Attack Incidents **Online Reporting Form** through the submission link provided below. The online reporting shall include the following:

- a. Accomplished Nationwide Simultaneous School Safety Drill for Active Attack Incidents Evaluation Form;
- b. Means of Verification (MOVs), including photo and video documentation of the conduct of the drill; and
- c. Updated School Contingency Plan for Active Attack Incidents.

Online Reporting Form: <https://forms.gle/JJTbPyAkHzNjz3rh7>

Expenses incidental to the conduct of the drill shall be charged against local funds, School Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), or other available funds, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

Attached to this Memorandum are the following reference materials:

- a. *Annex A – Policy on Active Shooting Attacks/Incidents*
- b. *Annex B – School Contingency Plan Template for Active Shooting Attacks/Incidents*
- c. *Annex C – School Contingency Plan for Active Shooting Attacks/Incidents*
- d. *Annex D – List of Ceremonial Venues for Safety Drill per Region*



<https://bit.ly/4oSmov8>

Additional resource materials, including the Playbook for School Heads, Teachers, and Learners, IEC materials, and other reference documents may be accessed through the QR Code.

For inquiries, please contact the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) through drms.capbuild@deped.gov.ph or through Viber via 09684990866.

For immediate dissemination and compliance.