



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

September 23, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 561, s. 2026

**IMMEDIATE DISCONTINUATION AND REMOVAL OF NON-COMPLIANT
SCHOOL SAFETY DRILL CONTENT IN SOCIAL MEDIA**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors, Principals In-Charge of the District
Head Teacher In-Charge of the District
Senior/Education Program Specialists
Heads of Public and Private Elementary/Integrated/Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached are the Regional Memorandum No. 906, s. 2026 and Memorandum No. OM-OUGOPS- 2026-04-03403 from the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operation, Department of Education, titled Immediate Discontinuation and Removal of Non-Compliant School Safety Drill Content in Social Media, which is self-explanatory
2. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

FELICIANO C. BUENAFE Jr., CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated

Reference: As stated

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 906 s. 2026

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To: Schools Division Superintendents
Regional Information Officer
Division Information Officers
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum No. OM-OUGOPS-2026-04-03403 from the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations, Department of Education, titled Immediate Discontinuation and Removal of Non-Compliant School Safety Drill Content in Social Media, which is self-explanatory.
2. Should there be a concern or clarification regarding this matter, contact Hernani D. Escullar Jr. via mobile: 09274391118 / 09605950838 or email: hernani.escullarjr@deped.gov.ph.
3. For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.

CRISTITO A. ECO, CESO III
Regional Director

Encl.: As Stated

Reference: None

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MEMORANDUM:

OM-OUGOPS-2026-04-03403

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 *for*

SUBJECT : IMMEDIATE DISCONTINUATION AND REMOVAL OF NON-COMPLIANT SCHOOL SAFETY DRILL CONTENT IN SOCIAL MEDIA

DATE : September 4, 2026

The Department of Education has noted the circulation on social media and other online platforms of videos depicting school safety drills involving human-induced threats that are inconsistent with the Department's trauma-informed, age-appropriate, and "Do No Harm" protocols.

All Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices, and schools are hereby directed to immediately discontinue the posting, sharing, or republication of drill content that depicts or promotes non-compliant practices, including fear-inducing or hyper-realistic simulation, simulated attackers, imitation firearms, simulated casualties, simulated gunfire, and similar activities.

School Heads shall immediately review content posted through official school platforms. Non-compliant videos, photographs, reels, or similar materials shall be taken down. Regional Offices and Schools Division Offices shall direct concerned schools to undertake corrective action when such content is identified.

Teaching and non-teaching personnel are likewise reminded that human-induced threats are serious safety and protection concerns and shall not be presented as memes, jokes, social media trends, skits, or other forms of entertainment. Content that trivializes violence or turns emergency procedures into entertainment undermines the purpose of school safety activities and may cause unnecessary fear, distress, or harm to learners and school communities.

Failure to comply with this Memorandum shall be dealt with in accordance with applicable DepEd, Civil Service, child protection, data privacy, and administrative rules, subject to due process.

For widest dissemination and strict compliance.