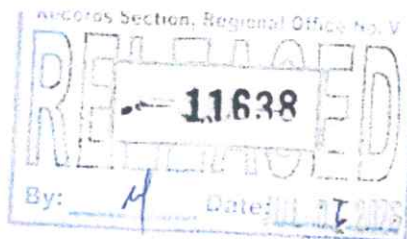




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION V - BICOL



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 00891 s. 2026

REITERATION OF POLICIES ON SECURITY MEASURES AND ENSURING A SAFE
AND MOTIVATING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

To : Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division/ Section/Unit Heads
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Other Concerned

1. Pursuant to Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2026-01-02120 on the Reiteration of Policies on Security Measures and Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment, this Office **reiterates the strict implementation and compliance with existing policies and guidelines concerning the promotion of safe, secure, inclusive and motivating learning environments in all schools and learning centers.**
2. This directive anchored on existing Department policies that emphasize the security and protection of learners and school personnel. DepEd Order No. 06 s. 2026 particularly Section VI. A.5-Other Security Measures for Safety in Schools requires schools **to adopt preventive, protective and responsive measures** to ensure the safety, security and well-being of all members of the school community. This includes hiring of security personnel, visitor guidelines, bag and vehicle inspections, confiscation of prohibited items and acquisition of CCTV and other security equipment.
3. Likewise, Rule VI of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 10627 or the Anti-Bullying Act, disseminated through DepEd Memorandum No. 90 s. 2025, mandates all schools **to adopt mechanisms addressing bullying and retaliation, including procedures for reporting, investigation and intervention.** The Revised IRR also prescribes the mechanisms for reporting fact-finding, due process, intervention and referral of bullying incidents.
4. Further, anchored on Republic Act No. 11313 or the Safe Space Act, OM-OUOPS-2024-05-01115 or DepEd's Guidelines on the Implementation of the Safe Spaces Act in Basic Education, requires schools **to prevent and address gender-based sexual harassment to establish grievance and response mechanisms to ensure safe spaces for learners and personnel** in accordance with the law.
5. Moreover, DepEd Order No. 18 s. 2015 or the Guidelines and Procedures on the Management of Children-at-Risk (CAR) and Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL), remains in full force and shall be strictly observed by all schools. This policy

provides guidance for the proper identification, intervention, referral, case management and reintegration of learners who are at risk or in conflict with the law, ensuring that learner remain paramount in all actions and decisions.

6. In line with these policies, all field offices and schools are enjoined to **strengthen coordination and collaboration with Local Government Units, law enforcement agencies, barangay officials, parents and community stakeholders** in support of school safety initiatives and response mechanisms. School Heads shall likewise **conduct regular risk assessment, review and update school safety protocols and ensure that all personnel and learners** are properly oriented on security procedures, emergency preparedness measures and learner protection mechanisms.

7. In the interest of further strengthening school security and ensuring that schools remain zones of peace and security, all Division Offices and Schools are hereby directed to **ensure widest dissemination of these policies to all stakeholders and to intensify the implementation of school safety and security measures.**

8. For information, guidance and compliance.


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July 7, 2026

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, SGOD and CID
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School Heads of Public Elementary and Secondary
All Others Concerned

For information, guidance and compliance.


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