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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**ADDENDUM TO REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 162, S. 2019
(DepEd-CAR OPLAN KAHANDAAN SA TAG-ULAN)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
DRRM Coordinators

1. The Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA) released a statement indicating that the onset of the rainy season associated with the Southwest Monsoon (locally known as Habagat) is now in progress.
2. The following preparedness measures for the rainy season is issued as an addendum to Regional Memorandum No. 162, s. 2019:
 - a. For the field offices and schools:
 - a.1 Prepare contingency plan for tropical cyclones
 - a.2 Establish hazard-specific Early Warning System and post in offices/classrooms and in conspicuous areas within the office/school premises
 - a.3 Secure office records/database of students and their family details
 - a.4 Craft and disseminate a family reunification plan
 - a.5 Plan for resumption strategies (Alternative Delivery Modules and available of learning resources)
 - a.6 Pre-identify possible sites for Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS)
 - a.7 Post emergency hotlines in rooms/classrooms and conspicuous places within the office/school
 - a.8 Forge a MOA with the LGU if the school is to be used as an evacuation center. Observe the limited use of schools as EC and the roles and functions of agencies in camp management as per RA 10821 and the DepEd-DSWD-DILG JMC no. 1, s. 2013

- A.9 Prepare an evacuation plan and identify evacuation areas and classrooms that can be used as temporary shelters during emergencies in accordance with RA 10121
 - a.10 Coordinate with the LGU on the locations of evacuation centers outside the school and other safe areas where learners and their families can go to
 - a.11 Monitor tropical cyclone warning signals, rainfall warning and thunderstorm warning from DOST-PAGASA.
 - A.12 Disseminate weather updates based on PAGASA issuances
 - a.13 Coordinate with local DRRM councils for suspension of classes
 - a.14 Regular coordination with LGUs for inter-agency actions for preparedness and response in exposed schools divisions.
 - a.15 Ensure availability of first aid kit, flashlights, megaphones and other necessary supplies
 - a.16 Assess school buildings and repair minor damages.
 - a.17 Secure weak parts of the school building
 - a.18 Clean and clear all drainage systems to prevent them from clogging. Cover open drainage canals with proper warning signs.
 - a.19 Prune trees that may cause harm to people and properties
 - a.20 Switch off and unplug electrical equipment and appliance when not in use
 - a.21 Store all vital school documents, learning and teaching materials, computers and equipment in safe buildings and storage
- b. For DepEd personnel and learners
 - b.1 Orient personnel and learners about weather disturbances, including typhoon signals, rainfall warnings and possible effects and measures to undertake, using the PAGASA and DOST website
 - b.2 Orient students, parents and teachers on the rules on suspension of classes (DO 43, S. 2012 and EO 66, S. 2012)
 - b.3 Educate school children on preparedness for tropical cyclones, floods and other related hazards
 - b.4 Educate school children and their parents about health related effects resulting from the rainy season.
 - b.5 Advise learners and their families to secure their family disaster kit at home.
4. All schools are encouraged to involve the students, their families and communities in preparing for disaster.
5. Schools Division DRRM coordinators are advised to strictly monitor schools in their divisions that are located within or near areas identified as susceptible to landslide and flooding. It is further advised that school heads, DRRM Coordinators and other concerned personnel shall maintain open communication with their local DRRM councils/committees.

6. Immediate coordination and reporting of any untoward incident to concerned offices should be observed to provide timely and necessary support.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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References:

DepEd Memorandum (No. 108, S. 2016; 35, S. 2016)

DepEd Order Nos. 83, S. 2011; 43, S. 2012)