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 NIR – NEGROS ISLAND REGION
DIVISION OF ESCALANTE CITY



April 20, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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PARTICIPATION IN THE CONDUCT OF M7X READY PROGRAM ORIENTATION

To: OIC Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
 Chief Education Supervisors
 Education Program Supervisors/Specialists
 Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads/TIC's/OICs
 All Others Concerned.

1. Attached is Memorandum **OM-OUGOPS-2026-04-00599** titled **Participation in the Conduct of M7X Ready Program Orientation for the Greater Metro Manila Area (NCR, REGIONS III AND IV-A)**.

2. The activity aims to certify all public schools as earthquake-ready by the end of School Year (SY) 2026, with focus on the following:

- Strengthening institutional and community preparedness for significant seismic events
- Fostering a culture of safety and resilience within the basic education sector and;
- Ensuring the continuity of education following a major earthquake.

3. **All public elementary and secondary school heads and/or school DRRM coordinators and SDS, ASDS, SGOD Chief and Division DRRM Coordinator are instructed to visit the DepEd Philippines and DRRMS Facebook pages for the livestream on April 30, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

4. Participants are expected to cascade the orientation to all DepEd personnel and learners within their respective schools and offices.

5. For inquiries, please contact Gil C. Castro at 09688511557.

6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


PETER J. GALIMBA
 Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
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Encl.: none
 Reference: As stated,
 To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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All identified participants—including **Regional, Division, and District DRRM Coordinators**, as well as **Schools Division Superintendents (SDS) and Assistant Schools Division Superintendents (ASDS) from NCR, Regions III, and IV-A**—are required to attend this activity (see Annex A).

Participants are expected to cascade the orientation to all schools within their respective divisions to ensure effective implementation of the program. In addition, attendees were selected based on their schools' and divisions' exposure and high susceptibility to a magnitude 7.0 or higher earthquake ("The Big One"), including proximity to the West Valley Fault. Hazard data were determined by DOST-PHIVOLCS through HazardHunterPH.

Additional Instructions

- a) Schools Division Offices are encouraged to **set up exhibition booths** showcasing their **M7X Ready**-related information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials.
- b) To reach a wider audience, **all public elementary and secondary school heads and/or school DRRM coordinators and SDSs, ASDSs, SGOD Chiefs and Division DRRM Coordinators in division offices in all regions** are instructed to visit the **DepEd Philippines and DRRMS Facebook pages for the livestream**. They are expected to cascade the orientation to all DepEd personnel and learners within their respective schools and offices. This is to ensure the promotion of awareness and preparedness among those who cannot attend in person.
- c) In-person participation is limited in compliance with MC No. 114.
- d) All participants are required to **confirm their attendance** by submitting their responses through this [link](#) **on or before April 15, 2026 (Friday), 5:00 p.m.**

Lastly, meals (lunch, AM, and PM snacks) will be provided by DepEd-DRRMS. Transportation and other incidental expenses may be charged against DPRP funds (current or continuing) or local funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The program schedule is provided in Annex B.

For concerns or further information, please contact **Ms. Erika Denise Placio, Program Focal Person for M7X Ready Program**, by email at dirrmsa@deped.gov.ph or erika.placio@deped.gov.ph, or by telephone nos. 8635-3764 / 8637-4933, or through Viber no. 0968 499 0866.

For information and appropriate action.



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RE: Title

PARTICIPATION IN THE CONDUCT OF M7X READY PROGRAM ORIENTATION FOR THE GREATER METRO MANILA AREA (NCR, REGIONS III, AND IV-A)

DATE

March 24, 2026

The Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations (OUGOPS), through the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) will conduct the face-to-face orientation for the M7X Ready Program in the Greater Metro Manila Area (National Capital Region, Regions III, and IV-A) on April 30, 2026 (Thursday), from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Ynares Center, L. Sumulong Memorial Circle, Antipolo City, Rizal.

Objectives of the Orientation

The activity aims to ensure all public schools in the Greater Metro Manila Area are earthquake ready by the end of School Year (SY) 2026-2027, specifically:

1. Strengthening of additional school readiness, disaster drills, and earthquake safety activities;
2. Fostering a culture of safety and resilience within the basic education sector; and
3. Ensuring the continuity of education following a major earthquake.



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