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Department of Education
REGION IX, ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAPITAN CITY

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**STRENGTHENING SCHOOL SECURITY AND SAFETY MEASURES
IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor (CID and SGOD)
Public Schools District Supervisors/In-Charge of Districts
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Consistent with the Department of Education's commitment to ensuring safe, secure, and child-friendly learning environments, all public schools in the Division are hereby directed to strengthen and strictly implement school security and safety measures to safeguard learners, teaching personnel, non-teaching personnel, and other stakeholders within school premises.
2. This directive is anchored on the provisions of Republic Act No. 9155 (Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001), Republic Act No. 10627 (Anti-Bullying Act of 2013), Republic Act No. 11476 (Good Manners and Right Conduct and Values Education Act), DepEd Child Protection Policy under DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012, the Basic Education-Learning Continuity and School Safety policies, and other relevant DepEd issuances promoting school safety, security, and learner protection.
3. In view thereof, all schools shall immediately undertake the following measures:
 - A. Tighten Security Checks at School Gates
 - a. Ensure that school gates are properly monitored during school opening, dismissal, and other critical hours by assigned personnel.
 - b. Require visitors to register in the school's visitor's logbook and secure appropriate visitor identification before entering the school premises.
 - c. Restrict unauthorized entry of individuals and vehicles within the school grounds.
 - d. Conduct regular inspection of school premises and identify potential security risks.
 - e. Schools may use handheld metal detectors at security gates and other entry points, subject to the availability of resources and in accordance with existing laws and DepEd policies, to prevent the entry of weapons and other prohibited items into the school premises.
 - B. Strengthen Coordination with Law Enforcement and Local Government Officials
 - a. Coordinate closely with the Philippine National Police (PNP), Barangay



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Officials and other concerned agencies to increase visibility and security presence around schools.

- b. Request periodic patrols and monitoring, particularly during school opening and dismissal hours, special events, and other activities involving large gatherings of learners.
 - c. Establish communication mechanisms for immediate reporting and response to security-related incidents and emergencies.
- C. Intensify the Implementation of Anti-Bullying and Child Protection Programs
- a. Strengthen school-based anti-bullying campaigns through advocacy activities, classroom discussions, orientations, and information dissemination.
 - b. Ensure the functionality of the Child Protection Committee (CPC) and the proper implementation of school child protection mechanisms.
 - c. Encourage learners, parents, and personnel to report incidents of bullying, harassment, violence, and other forms of abuse.
 - d. Conduct regular monitoring and intervention activities to promote a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment.
- D. Activate School Safety and Emergency Preparedness Mechanisms
- a. Ensure the active functionality of the School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (SDRRM) Team and School Child Protection Committee (CPC).
 - b. Conduct regular assessment of school security risks and identify vulnerable areas within the school premises that may require additional monitoring and intervention.
 - c. Review and update school emergency preparedness and response plans, including protocols for security threats, emergencies, and other incidents that may affect the safety and well-being of learners and personnel.
 - d. Ensure that emergency contact numbers of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Barangay Officials, local health authorities, and Schools Division Office are readily available and displayed in strategic locations within the school.
 - e. Orient learners, teachers, non-teaching personnel, parents, and other stakeholders on school safety protocols, emergency procedures, and reporting mechanisms for security-related concerns.
4. School Heads shall ensure the strict implementation of these measures and continuously monitor their effectiveness. Any security-related incident shall be reported immediately to the Schools Division Office through the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) and other appropriate authorities.
5. Wide dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are hereby directed.



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