



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

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May 31, 2023

REGION MEMORANDUM  
ESSD-2023-060

**CONDUCT OF CY 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS  
EARTHQUAKE DRILL**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All DRRM Coordinators  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. In accordance with OUOPS Memorandum No. 2023-04-1668, reiterating the schedule for the conduct of CY 2023 Quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill, schools and offices across all levels of the department are enjoined to participate in the conduct of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill on June 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
2. With the easing of COVID 19 as global health emergency, the traditional in-person NSED can proceed, subject to the implementation of minimum health protocols. DepEd offices and schools shall assign safety and health officers to monitor and evaluate the adherence to the minimum health protocols throughout the exercise.
3. In relation to DOST-PAGASA's forecast of high Heat Index and El Niño, school heads and heads of DepEd offices are strictly directed to observe proper protocols not to prolong exposure of learners and or personnel in open heat of the sun or in any situation that will put them in danger or affected by harmful effects of hyperthermia during the conduct of NSED. If deemed unsafe to conduct the full-length of earthquake drill that includes evacuation, assembly and accounting in open field, the conduct of "Duck, Cover and Hold" and or "Table Top" exercises inside of classroom and offices is advised.
4. The drills provided by DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2022 shall be implemented separately from the quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED), hence it should be conducted not on the same day with NSED.
5. Proper documentation and post activity evaluation of said drill are required. DRRM Coordinators are advised to make necessary preparations to ensure that the required reports are submitted on time using the guidelines and templates as provided by OUOPS Memorandum No. 2023-04-1668.



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8. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Encl.: None  
Reference: OUOPS Memorandum No. 2023-04-1668  
Allotment: None  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following Subjects:  
SAFETY EDUCATION CALAMITY

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