



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

October 31, 2023

REGION MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2023-137

**CONDUCT OF CY 2023 4th QUARTER NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS
EARTHQUAKE DRILL**

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

1. Pursuant to OUOPS Memorandum No.2023-04-9504 titled “Reiteration on the Conduct of the 4th Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED)”, schools and offices across all levels of the department are enjoined to participate in the conduct of **4th Quarter National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED)** on **November 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**
2. In relation to DOST-PAGASA’s forecast of high Heat Index due to strengthening of El Niño in the Tropical Pacific, school heads and head of DepEd offices are strictly directed to observe proper protocols not to prolong exposure of learners and or personnel in direct 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.
3. 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.
4. The DRRMS has developed **Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials for NSED**, accessible thru <https://bit.ly/DepEdNSED2023>
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.
6. Expenses necessary for the conduct of the 4th Quarter NSED is chargeable to DRRM Funds or Local Funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. For more information, contact Education Support Services Division –PSS-DRRM thru (083) 223-1667 or email at jannearlwendell.lope@deped.gov.ph.



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


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Director IV

Encl.: None
Reference: OUOPS Memorandum No. 2023-04-9504
Allotment: DRRM Fund
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following Subjects:
CALAMITY SAFETY EDUCATION

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