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Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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**WORKSHOP AND CAPACITY BUILDING ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Division DRRM Coordinators
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) Regional Office XII recognizes that ensuring the safety, security, protection, and well-being of learners and personnel is a fundamental responsibility in providing quality and continuous basic education.
2. This commitment is anchored on DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2015, or the Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) in Basic Education Framework, which institutionalizes disaster risk reduction and management in basic education.
3. Complementing this is DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026, or the Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment, which reinforces the responsibility of schools to provide an environment that *protects learners from harm*, abuse, violence, and other threats to their safety, security, and well-being.
4. With schools facing diverse and evolving risks from natural and human-induced hazards to physical safety concerns, security threats, and other emergencies, there is an urgent need to translate existing policies and mechanisms into clear, coordinated, context-specific, and actionable measures at the school level.
5. In this context, **the School Safety Plan (SSP)** shall serve as an integrated school-level management instrument that brings together the four thematic areas of DRRM, security, safety and protection measures, and learning continuity. It shall provide schools with a systematic process to understand their context, identify hazards and threats, assess and prioritize risks, plan appropriate interventions, establish roles and coordination mechanisms, and continuously monitor and improve the effectiveness of such measures.
6. To strengthen the capacity of schools to operationalize these policies and develop functional and risk-informed School Safety Plans, the DepEd Regional Office XII shall conduct a **Workshop and Capacity Building on the Development and Implementation of the School Safety Plan on August 26-27, 2026 at Koronadal City**.
7. The workshop and capacity building activity aims to:
 - a. capacitate SDO personnel and School Safety Committees on the School Safety Plan framework, principles, and implementation processes,



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- b. strengthen the capacity of schools to identify hazards, assess and prioritize risks, and develop appropriate safety and risk reduction measures,
 - c. integrate DRRM, protection, security, emergency preparedness and response, recovery, and learning continuity measures into the School Safety Plan,
 - d. guide schools in developing or enhancing their context-specific and actionable School Safety Plans, including clear roles, responsibilities, coordination, and emergency arrangements, and
 - e. Establish mechanisms for implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and continuous improvement of School Safety Plans.
8. Participants in this activity include the following:

Office / SDO	No. of Pax	Position
ESSD	1	CES
	1	PDO IV
	1	PDO II - DRRM
	2	COS
COTABATO PROVINCE	1	PDO II - DRRM
	1	COS - DRRM
	8	School Head / Principal / DRRM Coordinator
KIDAPAWAN CITY	1	PDO II - DRRM
	1	COS - DRRM
	5	School Head / Principal / DRRM Coordinator
TACURONG CITY	1	PDO II - DRRM
	4	School Head / Principal / DRRM Coordinator
SULTAN KUDARAT	1	PDO II - DRRM
	1	COS - DRRM
	8	School Head / Principal / DRRM Coordinator
KORONADAL CITY	1	PDO II - DRRM
	1	COS - DRRM
	4	School Head / Principal / DRRM Coordinator
SOUTH COTABATO	1	PDO II - DRRM
	1	COS - DRRM
	8	School Head / Principal / DRRM Coordinator
GEN. SANTOS CITY	1	PDO II - DRRM
	1	COS - DRRM
	5	School Head / Principal / DRRM Coordinator
SARANGANI	1	PDO II - DRRM
	1	COS - DRRM
	8	School Head / Principal / DRRM Coordinator



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PNP	1	Resource Person
BFP	1	Resource Person
DOST	1	Resource Person
Local DRRM Council	2	Resource Person
TOTAL PAX	75	

9. Expenses incurred in the conduct of this activity, including but not limited to materials and supplies, honoraria of resource speakers, accommodation, meals and snacks, and other necessary and allowable incidental expenses, shall be charged against the ESSD Funds, and/or other applicable Regional Office local funds, subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

10. For more information, contact Education Support Services Division -PSS-DRRM through (083) 223-1667 or mobile no. 09688998839 or email at jannearlwendell.lope@deped.gov.ph

11. For the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.


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Regional Director

Enclosures: None

References: DepEd Order No. 37, s.2015, DepEd Order No. 06

Allotment: DRRM fund

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

Under the following Subject:

SAFETY EDUCATION

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