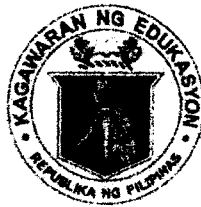


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MEMORANDUM

15 August 2019

**For: Regional Directors and BARMM Minister for Education
Schools Division Superintendents**

**Subject: PROVISION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID FOR ALL
LEARNERS AND PERSONNEL AFFECTED BY VIOLENT
INCIDENTS AND ARMED CONFLICT**

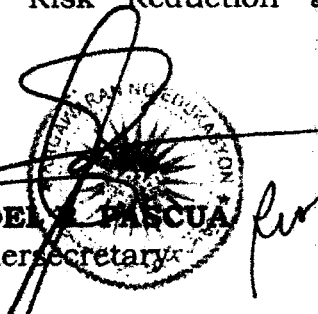
In light of recent incidents of armed violence, and the mandate of the Department of Education to protect and promote learner welfare and the right to quality education at all times, **Schools Division Offices are directed to facilitate the provision of appropriate Psychological First Aid (PFA) interventions to affected learners and personnel following all incidents of violent incidents and armed conflict affecting schools.**

As facilitating the return to normalcy requires addressing the immediate needs of affected learners and personnel in the aftermath of critical incidents, PFA must be conducted **before** the resumption of regular classes.

For each incident, Division Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Coordinators shall lead the assessment, planning, implementation, and monitoring of PFA activities tailor-fitted for the needs and profile of the target learners and personnel. This shall include deployment of trained PFA providers, and if needed, referral pathways for learners and personnel identified for further specialized psychological support services.

Funds and other support needed for this purpose may be requested by the Schools Division Superintendent from the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service.

For immediate and appropriate action.


ALAIN DELA CRUZ
Undersecretary



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August 27, 2019

To : Schools Division Superintendents
All Division

For information, guidance and appropriate action.


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