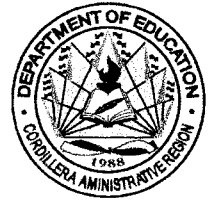




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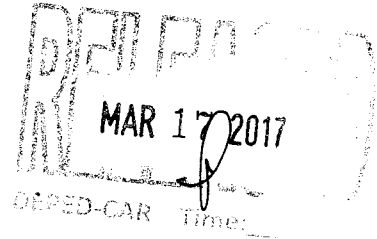


March 16, 2017

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
No. 088.2017

TO: All Schools Division Superintendents  
This Region

FROM:   
SORAYA T. FACULO  
OIC-Assistant Regional Director



**SUBJECT: FIRST QUARTER NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS EARTHQUAKE DRILL (NSED)**

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1. The DepEd Regional Office commends all schools that have already conducted preparedness and response activities including but not limited to fire and earthquake drills as part of their activities in the observance of March as Fire Prevention Month.
2. In an attempt to continuously enhance the public's muscle memory of preparedness and to prepare them on what to do in the event of an earthquake, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) conducts a Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) once every quarter of the year. Since earthquakes cannot be predicted, there is a need to strongly inculcate the "Duck, Cover and Hold" earthquake response.
3. Schools, especially those that have not yet conducted disaster preparedness activities are strongly encouraged to participate in the First Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) that is set on March 24, 2017 at 9:00 in the morning.
4. School heads are encouraged to coordinate with their City/Provincial/Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officers, as well as with the Bureau of Fire Department and other concerned agencies and organizations for the conduct of this activity.
5. Division Project Development Officers (DRRM) shall submit to the Regional office a consolidated report on the activity on or before March 29, 2017 using the attached template. Report may be emailed at [essd.depedcar@gmail.com](mailto:essd.depedcar@gmail.com)
6. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.