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**NDRRMC EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI
PREPAREDNESS DIRECTIVE**

In reference to the attached letter from the Office of Civil Defense, dated October 20, 2025, this Office reiterates the directive to reinforce and enhance earthquake preparedness in addition to the regular conduct of the National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill.

All other provisions stipulated in the conduct of NSED memorandum shall remain in effect, consistent with the directive stated in the letter.

For your information and compliance.

Encl: As stated

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October 20, 2025

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Regional Director

Department of Education IX

Regional Government Center, Brgy. Balintawak, Pagadian City

Dear **DIRECTOR FUENTES**:

Greetings of Peace and Resilience!

The Magnitude 6.9 Earthquake that occurred at 11.10°N, 124.14°E – 019 km N 70° E, offshore of Bogo City (Cebu) on 30 September 2025, and the Magnitude 7.4 Earthquake that transpired 07.22°N, 126.97°E – 048 km N 89° E of Manay, Davao Oriental on 10 October 2025, have left over 83 dead, 962 injured, displaced over 16,000 individuals, damaged more than 82,000 houses, and incurred over Php 106-million worth of damage to various infrastructures, collectively. Several earthquakes ranging from Magnitude 4 to 6 were also recorded in various parts of the country in the past week.

Based on the aforementioned incidents and potential seismic hazards that may impact our region due to the presence of active faults (e.g., the Mindanao Fault) and trenches (such as the Sulu and Cotabato Trenches), it is imperative to **reinforce and enhance earthquake preparedness** among all educational institutions. This measure will ensure the implementation of effective anticipatory actions and preparedness strategies for immediate response to earthquakes and/or tsunamis within the learning community.

In this regard, and in consonance with the directives of the NDRRMC Chairperson, all **public and private schools** within Region IX are **hereby enjoined and directed** to conduct **Earthquake Drill** within their respective campuses. This activity shall be undertaken to ensure that students, teaching, and non-teaching personnel are fully aware and prepared in the event of such natural disasters.

Accordingly, the following actions are strongly encouraged and directed to be implemented:

- a) **Leadership and Coordination** – School Heads shall lead the organization and conduct of practical, school-wide earthquake drill, ensuring the participation of all learners, teachers, and personnel. Coordination with the **Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (LDRRMO)** is likewise encouraged for technical assistance and guidance.
- b) **Implementation and Monitoring** – Include tsunami response scenarios (for coastal schools), identify gaps and challenges encountered during the drill, and develop corresponding improvement action plans. Drills shall be conducted in alignment with national protocols and safety standards.
- c) **Information and Awareness** – Intensify earthquake preparedness campaigns through orientation and dissemination of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials on safety measures before, during, and after earthquakes. Promote school-wide awareness through regular meetings, posters, and briefing activities.

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d) **Reporting and Documentation** – Prepare and submit a consolidated regional After-Activity Report (AAR) containing the following details:

- Name of school
- Date and time of drill conducted
- Number of participants
- Identified key gaps and corrective measures taken
- Summary of improvement plans and recommendations

The After-Activity Reports (AARs) shall be transmitted to the **Office of Civil Defense IX** **not later than 05 December 2025**.

The conduct of this drill forms part of the continuing implementation of the **NDRRMC Earthquake and Tsunami Preparedness Directive** and is vital in ensuring the protection of personnel and the public in times of seismic emergencies.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to public safety and resilience.

For the betterment of our people, we remain.

Respectfully yours,

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