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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PRESIDING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANs, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, THE REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF MUSLIM MINDANAO, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : OPLAN BALIK ESKWELA SY 2016-2017

The Department of Education (DepEd) will once again activate its **Oplan Balik Eskwela (OBE)** for School Year (SY) 2016-2017 from May 28 to June 18, 2016. In preparation for the annual school opening, the OBE aims to ensure that enrolment and opening of classes in public schools proceed smoothly.

The OBE also seeks to address problems commonly encountered during school opening and to ensure that students are properly enrolled and are able to attend the first day of classes.

Relative thereto, all Local Chief Executives (LCEs) are hereby encouraged to support the OBE campaign by undertaking activities such as, but not limited to, the following:

1. Convening of respective Peace and Order Councils (POCs), Local Councils for the Protection of Children (LCPC) and Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (LDRRMC) to carry out necessary preparations, anticipate requirements and employ corresponding necessary measures;
2. Convening of Local Health Boards to assist other agencies, especially the Department of Health (DOH);
3. Ensuring that road networks leading to schools are secure, clean and clearly marked with signages;
4. Causing concerned officials to assist the DepEd in preparing school facilities and in other necessary preparations relative to the opening of classes;
5. Enacting necessary ordinances such as an Anti-Truancy ordinance to regulate the entry of uniformed students in malls, internet cafes, and other recreation centers, especially during school hours;

6. Ensuring that the schools and other educational institutions operate with the necessary permits and licenses;
7. Causing the conduct of building inspections to ensure the quality and integrity of the structure of school buildings;
8. Ensuring that the students are properly informed of the entry and exit of school buildings and premises;
9. Providing information campaign on responses during calamities like earthquake, fire and flood; and
10. Assisting in providing information and quick response to ensure that the start of the school year is in order.

All DILG Regional Directors and the ARMM Regional Governor are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Circular to all local government units within their regional jurisdictions.

For information and guidance.


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