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DIVISION ADVISORY

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To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

This Office informs all concerned that the Regional Sub-committee for the Welfare of Children (RSCWC) strongly emphasizes the need to reinforce and localize Child Protection Policy (CPP) measures in response to the safety and security in schools. Accordingly, this Office is disseminating the Memorandum titled "**Reiteration of Strengthening Child Protection Policy and Safety and Security Measures in Schools.**"

Attached is a copy of the Memorandum for further details and strict compliance.

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MEMORANDUM

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FOR : ALL LOCAL COUNCILS FOR THE PROTECTION OF
CHILDREN (LCPCs)

FROM : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR/RCSCWC III CHAIRPERSON

DATE : 08 August 2025

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF STRENGTHENING CHILD PROTECTION
POLICY AND SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES IN
SCHOOLS

This is to express deep concern over the recent shooting incident that occurred on August 7, 2025 at Sta. Rosa Integrated School, Barangay Rizal, Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija, wherein a 15-year-old female student was critically injured after being shot in the neck by her 18-year-old ex-boyfriend inside their classroom. The suspect reportedly turned the gun on himself and is also in critical condition.

In view of this, and pursuant to Department of Education (DepEd) Order No. 40, series of 2012 or the Child Protection Policy, we urge all Local Councils for the Protection of Children (LCPCs) to take proactive and immediate steps in safeguarding the well-being of children in schools and other child-centered institutions.

As the Regional Sub-Committee for the Welfare of Children (RSCWC)—the regional arm of the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) tasked with the coordination, monitoring, and implementation of child protection and welfare mechanisms—we strongly emphasize the need to reinforce and localize child protection measures in response to this alarming incident.

In line with this directive, the following are reiterated and recommended:

Strict Enforcement of Child Protection Policies

- Ensure that all schools within your jurisdiction have organized and functional Child Protection Committees (CPCs).
- Regularly monitor the implementation of child protection protocols, especially those related to bullying, dating violence, and threats to physical safety.

Strengthen School Safety and Security

- Advocate for enhanced security measures in school premises such as controlled access gates, visitor screening, ID systems, and CCTVs.
- Encourage the procurement and installation of entrance metal detection technology (e.g., handheld scanners, walkthrough metal detectors) to prevent the entry of weapons and other harmful items in schools.



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Psychosocial Support and Crisis Response

- Encourage the availability of school-based or LGU-supported psychosocial services for children exposed to or affected by violence.
- Facilitate awareness and training programs for parents, teachers, and students on mental health, healthy relationships, and violence prevention.

Emergency Preparedness and Incident Response

- Review and simulate emergency response plans in schools, particularly for cases involving weapons, violence, or medical emergencies.
- Work with the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (LDRRMC) and barangay councils to improve coordination in crisis situations.

Community Engagement and Monitoring

- Strengthen coordination among LCPCs, school officials, parents, and barangays in creating a safe environment for learners.
- Monitor youth behavior and cases of dating violence, depression, or behavioral risks through localized intervention mechanisms.

Revitalize Values Formation and Moral Development in Schools

- Encourage collaboration with faith-based institutions and school administrators to **restore the practice of non-sectarian Religion or Catechism classes**, especially where it was historically observed and culturally accepted, ensuring it respects diversity and the freedom of religion.
- Promote classroom and community activities that reinforce the importance of **moral reasoning, respect for others, and personal accountability**.

Let us treat this incident as a solemn reminder of our collective duty to protect children from all forms of abuse, violence, exploitation, and neglect, especially in places where they are expected to be safe—their schools.

For your immediate and strict compliance.

We sincerely appreciate your continued commitment to building a *Child-Friendly Philippines: A Caring and Protective Society for, by, and with the Children*.


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