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Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
NO. 347, s. 2026

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**REITERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE UTILIZATION OF SCHOOL
MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES(MOOE)
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF METAL DETECTOR**

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

1. Pursuant to **Joint Memorandum No. OM-OUGOPS-OASF-2026-01-02196** dated July 22, 2026, titled "*Authorizing the Utilization of School Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) for the Procurement of Metal Detectors*", this Office through School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD), reiterates the authorization granted to school heads to utilize available School MOOE funds for the procurement of metal detectors as part of school safety and security measures, subject to the availability of funds and compliance with existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, procurement laws, rules, regulations.
2. In line with the Department's commitment to ensuring safe, secure, and conducive learning environments, schools that have not yet procured metal detectors are strongly encouraged to acquire the same using available School MOOE funds. Schools with existing units may likewise procure additional metal detectors, as necessary, to strengthen school security screening procedures.
3. School heads are further reminded that the conduct of bag inspections and other school security measures shall strictly adhere to the provisions of DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026, ensuring that the rights, dignity, privacy, and welfare of all learners are upheld at all times.



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4. Schools with insufficient or unavailable School MOOE funds for the procurement of metal detectors are directed to inform this Office through the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) for consolidation and subsequent submission to the Regional Office for appropriate assessment and corresponding action. The required information shall be submitted by accessing and accomplishing the online form through this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/MetalDetectorProcurement>

5. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Encl.

As Stated

Reference:

Joint Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-OASF-2026-01-02196
DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026

To be included in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses
Metal Detectors
Procurement
School Safety and Security
School Security Measures

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FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
HEADS OF PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED



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SUBJECT : **AUTHORIZING THE UTILIZATION OF SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE) FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF METAL DETECTORS**

DATE : June 25, 2026

In view of the Department's continuing efforts to ensure safe, secure, and conducive learning environments, and strengthening the school security arrangements, this Office reiterates the importance of strengthening preventive and protective measures in schools to safeguard learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel.

Consistent with existing policies governing the utilization of School Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), **school heads** are hereby authorized to utilize available school MOOE funds **for the procurement of metal detectors as part of school security and safety measures**, subject to the availability of funds and compliance with applicable Department policies, and existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations.

Schools that have not yet procured metal detectors are **strongly encouraged** to acquire the same as part of efforts to strengthen school safety and security measures. Schools with existing metal detectors may likewise procure additional units, as may be deemed necessary, to augment existing capacity and enhance the implementation of school security screening procedures.

Further, school heads are reminded that the conduct of bag inspections and other school security measures shall be undertaken **in accordance with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 006, s. 2026**, or the "Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and

Motivating Learning Environment," and shall at all times uphold the rights, dignity, privacy, and welfare of learners.

Regional Offices are hereby directed to identify and consolidate reports on schools with insufficient or unavailable funds for the procurement of metal detectors and transmit the report to the Central Office for appropriate assessment and corresponding action.

In view thereof, **this Office respectfully requests your widest dissemination of this Memorandum.**

For inquiries or further coordination, you may contact the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations through email at ougops@deped.gov.ph or via telephone at (02) 8633-5313 or the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Finance through their email at oasf@deped.gov.ph or via telephone at 8633-9342.