



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**3rd QUARTER NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS
EARTHQUAKE DRILL (NSED) CY 2026**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Principals
School DRRM Coordinator
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Advisory signed by Felino O. Castro V, Director IV, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service titled "**Conduct of Third Quarter 2026 Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED)**", this Office through School Governance & Operations Division (SGOD), enjoins all schools and offices to participate in the **3rd Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED)** scheduled on **September 10, 2026, at 2:00 PM.**
2. Considering that the scheduled NSED coincides with the **Learners' Wellness Break** and the **DepEd In-Service Training (INSET) for teachers**, the following arrangements shall be observed:
 - Learners who are on **Learners' Wellness Break** and engaged in guided asynchronous learning shall **not be required to report to school or participate in a physical, campus-wide evacuation drill.**
 - Learners are encouraged to practice "**Duck, Cover, and Hold**" and other appropriate earthquake safety measures at home, preferably with their families. Schools may provide reminders, learning activities, or other appropriate materials to reinforce household earthquake preparedness.



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- Teachers who are **attending INSET in their respective schools or designated training venues** shall participate in the NSED by performing the **"Duck, Cover, and Hold"** protocol.
 - The "Duck, Cover, and Hold" activity shall be followed by **proper evacuation and accounting of personnel**, in accordance with the established emergency procedures of the school or training venue.
 - Non-teaching personnel who are **present in their respective offices during the scheduled drill** shall participate by performing the prescribed earthquake safety protocol and shall proceed with proper evacuation and accounting of personnel in accordance with established emergency procedures.
3. All schools are reminded to use the **prescribed NSED evaluation tool, materials, and reporting templates** in documenting the conduct of the drill.
4. The prescribed **NSED Evaluation Tool** shall be accomplished by the designated evaluator to assess the conduct of the drill and identify areas for improvement.
5. For the NSED Evaluation Tool and other prescribed NSED materials, schools may access the following:
- NSED Evaluation Tool:** <https://tinyurl.com/NSED-EvalForm>
NSED Materials: <https://bit.ly/DepEdNSED>
6. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent 

Encl.: As stated

Reference: Memorandum OM-OUPS-2026-04-08938

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DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE

ADVISORY

FOR : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF THIRD QUARTER 2026 NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS EARTHQUAKE DRILL (NSED)

DATE : September 9, 2026

In reference to Official Memorandum No. OM-OUGOPS-2026-04-08938 dated February 18, 2026, titled **“Reiteration on the Schedule for the Conduct of CY 2026 Quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED),”** the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), directs all schools and DepEd offices to conduct the **Third Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on September 10, 2026 (Thursday), at 2:00 P.M.**

Considering that the scheduled NSED coincides with the **Learners’ Wellness Break and DepEd In-Service Training (INSET) for teachers**, the following arrangements shall be observed:

I. Learners

As learners are on **Learners’ Wellness Break** and engaged in guided asynchronous learning, they shall not be required to participate in a physical, campus-wide evacuation drill.

Learners are encouraged to practice **“Duck, Cover, and Hold”** and other earthquake safety measures at home, preferably with their families. Schools may provide appropriate reminders or learning activities to reinforce household earthquake preparedness.

II. Teaching Personnel

Teachers who are **attending INSET in schools or designated training venues** shall participate in the NSED by performing the “Duck, Cover, and Hold” protocol. This shall be followed by proper evacuation and accounting of personnel in accordance with the established emergency procedures of the school or training venue.



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III. Non-Teaching Personnel

Non-teaching personnel who are present in their respective offices during the scheduled drill shall participate by performing the stated protocol.

NSED Materials and Reporting

All concerned are reminded to use the prescribed NSED evaluation tool, materials, and reporting templates in documenting the conduct of the drill.

NSED Evaluation Tool: <https://tinyurl.com/NSED-EvalForm>

NSED materials: <https://bit.ly/DepEdNSED>

The prescribed NSED Evaluation Tool shall be accomplished by the designated evaluator to assess the conduct of the drill and identify areas for improvement.

The Regional and Division DepEd Offices shall likewise accomplish the prescribed office-based reporting template, which covers personnel participation and the conduct of the drill and other related activities.

For information, guidance, and appropriate action.

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