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***UPDATE: EARTHQUAKE IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY***

## **Schools to open as scheduled in Gen San**

“School opening in General Santos City will push through on June 1, Monday,” reported Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Jesli Lapus after an inspection was conducted by regional physical facilities coordinators in public schools in General Santos City.

Lapus ordered an inspection of school buildings in the city to find out the extent of damage caused by the earthquake that hit the city yesterday morning. A magnitude 5.0 tremor hit the city at 3:30 am.

According to Lapus, the Balik Eskwela Command Center received the report from DepEd Region XII Director Luz Almeda that stated that there were no serious structural damages observed in the city’s school buildings.

Classes in General Santos City will start as scheduled on June 1.

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