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Department of Education
REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII (EASTERN VISAYAS)
Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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CONDUCT OF PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF CLASSES

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. To help ensure readiness of schools for the opening of classes for School Year 2017-2018, this Office requires all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) to conduct a Press Conference not later than the Brigada Eskwela Week, which is scheduled on May 15-20, 2017.
2. The Press Conference aims to clear out issues and concerns, to answer queries from the media on policies relative to the opening of classes, and to strengthen the enrolment advocacy. The Press Conference shall tackle the following issues:
 - a. No Collection Policy of DepEd (DO No. 41, S. 2012, reiterated in DM No. 143, s. 2016);
 - b. Child Protection Policy (DO No. 40, s. 2012);
 - c. Teacher Hiring (DO No. 6, s. 2007);
 - d. Hiring Guidelines for Senior High School Teaching Positions (DO No. 3, s. 2016);
 - e. Transfer of Teachers;
 - f. Conduct of Student-Led Hazard Mapping (School environment inventory of hazardous places);
 - g. Policy on Clearances;
 - h. School Transparency Board; and
 - i. School Readiness
3. The participants to this activity are the following:
 - Schools Division Superintendent
 - Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
 - Chief, School Governance and Operations Division
 - Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division
 - Division Information Officer
 - Moderator
 - Invited media personalities
4. All SDOs shall inform this Office of their Press Conference schedules through email at region8@deped.gov.ph or through **Ms. Eden A. Dadap** at 09126063544 or 09262729311. Compliance reports and documentations shall be submitted within ten (10) days after its conduct.
5. Expenses in the conduct of this activity shall be charged to the Division MOOE/Local fund, subject to the usual accounting and auditing regulations.
6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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