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**Department of Education**  
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**SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF PAMPANGA**

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12 July 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
NO. **341** s. 2023

**PREPARATIONS FOR THE EL NIÑO/LA NIÑA PHENOMENON**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
SGOD/CID Chiefs  
School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has declared that the unusual warming of the sea surface temperatures has further developed into a weak El Niño.
2. While fewer tropical cyclones are expected to enter the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) during this phenomenon, cyclones with stronger character may be experienced.
3. El Niño will also most likely greatly increase the likelihood of record-breaking temperatures and triggering more extreme heat.
4. In the light of this development and in accordance with relevant provisions of OUOPS No. 2023-04-4305, all schools are strongly enjoined to take precautionary measures to address the threat of excessive heat and stronger cyclones during this phenomenon.
5. Specifically, school heads are directed to:
  - a. Implement sustained awareness campaign to mitigate the adverse effects of El Niño/La Niña.
  - b. Ensure the incorporation of topics on mitigating the effects of El Niño/La Niña in classroom lessons.
  - c. Share correct and updated information on El Niño/La Niña.
  - d. Inspect classrooms and take steps to mitigate the impact of excessive heat and stronger tropical cyclones.
  - e. Discourage outdoor activities that may directly expose learners and school personnel to heat.



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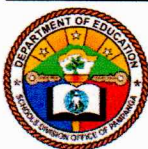
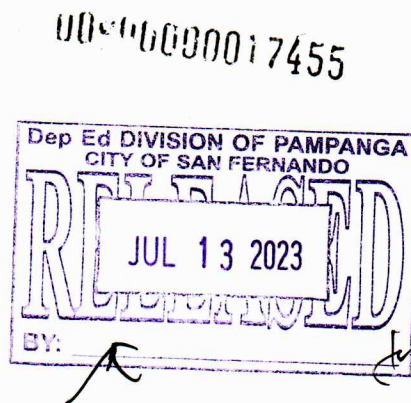
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- f. Encourage the practice of basic water and power supply conservation.
  - g. Implement modular classes or blended learning modality/ies, if warranted by environmental conditions.
  - h. In extreme cases, suspend classes in accordance with pertinent provisions of DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022 to uphold the safety and well-being of the learners and school personnel.
6. Dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Incl: as stated.



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OUOPS No. 2023-04- 4365

**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
**ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
**ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL HEADS**  
**ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : *Revsee A. Escobedo*  
**Atty. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
*Undersecretary for Operations*

SUBJECT : **Information Dissemination and Reporting of Preparedness**  
**and Response Measures for El Niño**

DATE : May 03, 2023

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In relation to OASOPS Memorandum No. 2023-077, *Reiteration of the Implementation of Modular Distance Learning as Provided in DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022*, the Department of Science and Technology Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA) *Adoption of the PAGASA El Niño-Southern Oscillation Alert and Warning System*, and the latest PAGASA update issued on 23 March 2023 stating:

*“Based on recent conditions and model forecasts, El Niño will likely develop in Jul-Aug-Sept (JAS) 2023 season and may persist until 2024. With this development, the PAGASA ENSO Alert and Warning System is now raised to **El Niño Watch**.*

*El Niño (warm phase of ENSO) is characterized by unusually warmer than average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific (CEEP). When conditions are favorable for the development of El Niño within the next six months and the probability is 55% or more, an **El Niño Watch** is issued.*

*El Niño increases the likelihood of below-normal rainfall conditions, which could bring negative impacts (such as dry spells and droughts) in some areas of the country. However, over the western part of the country, above-normal rainfall*

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*conditions during the Southwest monsoon season (Habagat) may also be expected.”*

In order to protect the safety and security of our learners and personnel, the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations instructs the Regional and Schools Division Offices, and Public and Private Schools to undertake the following measures:

1. Monitoring and regular dissemination of PAGASA Heat Index and Weather Forecasts, accessible through:
  - a. <https://www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph/climate/climate-heat-index>
  - b. <https://www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph/weather#daily-weather-forecast>
2. Dissemination of any available IEC materials on preparedness measures for El Niño; Refer to the attached IEC materials from DOST and DOH. These IEC Materials shall also be provided to the Regional DRRM Coordinators;
3. Reporting of preparedness and response measures implemented to reduce the negative impact of high heat frequencies due to extreme climate conditions.

All Regional DRRM Coordinators shall report the consolidated preparedness and response actions being undertaken in their Area of Responsibility to the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service through [drmo@deped.gov.ph](mailto:drmo@deped.gov.ph) on or before **May 19, 2023**.

For your information and appropriate action.

**ANNEX. A**

**REGIONAL CONSOLIDATED PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE MEASURES IN  
CONNECTION WITH *EL NIÑO***

**REGION:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>PREPAREDNESS and RESPONSE MEASURES</b>	<b>IMPLEMENTING DIVISIONS</b>	<b>EARLIEST DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION</b>