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Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF PAMPANGA

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 613 s. 2026

ORGANIZATION OF A MUNICIPAL EL NIÑO TASK FORCE IN EDUCATION WITHIN THE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF PAMPANGA

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief Education Supervisors (CID and SGOD)
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In line with **DepEd Order No. 14, s. 2026** titled **Guidelines on Learning Continuity in Emergencies**, this Office directs the Public Schools District Supervisors of this schools division to **organize a Municipal El Niño Task Force in Education** to serve as coordinating body in anticipation of the potential effects of the El Niño phenomenon.

2. The initiative aims to strengthen coordination among schools, local government units (LGUs), and relevant government agencies to ensure that appropriate preparedness and response measures are in place to mitigate the effects of prolonged dry conditions and extreme heat on the education sector.

3. The Public Schools District Supervisors shall coordinate with the Local Chief Executives, including appropriate Local Government Offices to facilitate the establishment of the task force, subject to the concurrence and authority of the concerned local government units.

4. The proposed municipal task force shall have the following composition:
   a. Local Chief Executive or representative
   b. Public Schools District Supervisor(s)
   c. Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer
   d. Municipal Health Officer
   e. Schools District Focal Person for DRRM

5. The proposed municipal task force's functions include, but not limited to the following:
   a. Assess and monitor the vulnerability of schools to water shortages, extreme heat, drought, and other El Niño-related hazards;

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b. Develop and recommend localized preparedness and response measures, including water conservation, safe drinking water provision, sanitation, heat-risk reduction, and protection of learners and school personnel;
c. Coordinate the mobilization of resources and assistance from the LGU, partner agencies, and other stakeholders for schools requiring immediate intervention;
d. Monitor weather advisories and official guidance from competent government agencies and recommend appropriate measures to ensure the safety and well-being of learners and personnel;
e. Recommend appropriate learning continuity arrangements in accordance with applicable DepEd policies and authorized decisions of the competent authorities; and
f. Establish a monitoring and reporting mechanism for school-level preparedness, emerging risks, interventions, and assistance requirements.

6. The Public Schools District Supervisor(s) shall serve as the education-sector focal person and convene the concerned school heads and relevant stakeholders for the initial coordination meeting. The proposed membership, structure, and operational arrangements shall be coordinated with the concerned LGU and formalized through the appropriate local issuance or agreement, as applicable.

7. Further, the Public Schools District Supervisor(s) with the assistance of the District Focal Person for DRRM shall submit to the Schools Division Office a report on the status of task force organization, including its membership, initial action plan, identified priority concerns, and proposed interventions. Districts shall provide subsequent updates as may be required by the Division Office.

8. Moreover, all public elementary and secondary schools shall update and incorporate the potential effects of the El Niño phenomenon with their respective **Learning and Service Continuity Plans (LSCP)** in accordance with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 22, s. 2024. Schools are directed to adapt the **whole of community approach** and involve the local government unit at the barangay level in the updating their LSCPs. **Deadline for the submission of the updated LSCPs shall be 15 working days upon release of this issuance.**

9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum are directed.

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