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Department of Education
REGION VII - CENTRAL VISAYAS
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS - TAGBILARAN CITY

Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 595 s. 2026

**DISSEMINATION OF JOINT MEMORANDUM ON THE UTILIZATION OF SCHOOL
MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE) FOR THE
PROCUREMENT OF METAL DETECTORS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Public Elementary and Secondary School Principals
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Schools Governance and Operation Division, disseminates Regional Memorandum No. 0846 s, 2026 entitled "*Dissemination of Joint Memorandum on the Utilization of School Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) for the Procurement of Metal Detectors*", which was transmitted to this Office for information and guidance of all concerned.
2. For details, attached is the said communication
3. Immediate dissemination and compliance are hereby directed.

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Schools Division Superintendent



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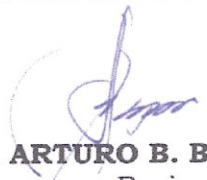
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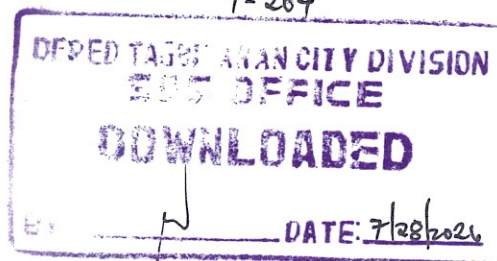
DISSEMINATION OF JOINT MEMORANDUM ON THE UTILIZATION OF SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE) FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF METAL DETECTORS

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Heads of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Joint Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-OASF-2026-01-02196 dated June 25, 2026, titled **Authorizing the Utilization of School Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) for the Procurement of Metal Detectors**, for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. The Joint Memorandum authorizes the utilization of available School MOOE funds for the procurement of metal detectors, subject to the availability of funds and compliance with applicable Department policies and existing budgeting, accounting, procurement, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations, to further strengthen school safety and security.
3. For complete details, all concerned are directed to refer to the attached Joint Memorandum.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are enjoined.


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JOINT MEMORANDUM
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FOR : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
HEADS OF PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
SCHOOLS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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SUBJECT : AUTHORIZING THE UTILIZATION OF SCHOOL MAINTENANCE
AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE) FOR THE
PROCUREMENT OF METAL DETECTORS

DATE : June 25, 2026

In view of the Department's continuing efforts to ensure safe, secure, and conducive learning environments, and strengthening the school security arrangements, this Office reiterates the importance of strengthening preventive and protective measures in schools to safeguard learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel.

Consistent with existing policies governing the utilization of School Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), **school heads** are hereby authorized to utilize available school MOOE funds **for the procurement of metal detectors as part of school security and safety measures**, subject to the availability of funds and compliance with applicable Department policies, and existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations.

Schools that have not yet procured metal detectors are **strongly encouraged** to acquire the same as part of efforts to strengthen school safety and security measures. Schools with existing metal detectors may likewise procure additional units, as may be deemed necessary, to augment existing capacity and enhance the implementation of school security screening procedures.

Further, school heads are reminded that the conduct of bag inspections and other school security measures shall be undertaken **in accordance with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 006, s. 2026**, or the "Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and

Motivating Learning Environment," and shall at all times uphold the rights, dignity, privacy, and welfare of learners.

Regional Offices are hereby directed to identify and consolidate reports on schools with insufficient or unavailable funds for the procurement of metal detectors and transmit the report to the Central Office for appropriate assessment and corresponding action.

In view thereof, **this Office respectfully requests your widest dissemination of this Memorandum.**

For inquiries or further coordination, you may contact the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations through email at ougops@deped.gov.ph or via telephone at (02) 8633-5313 or the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Finance through their email at asf@deped.gov.ph or via telephone at 8633-9342.