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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. 667 , s. 2026

**INTENSIFYING SECURITY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF  
FIREARMS, BLADED WEAPONS, AND OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPONS INTO  
SCHOOL PREMISES AND CLASSROOMS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Division Office Personnel  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is the Regional Memorandum No. 0666, s. 2026 titled *Intensifying Security Measures to Prevent the Entry of Firearms, Bladed Weapons, and Other Dangerous Weapons into School Premises and Classrooms*, informing this Office on the received reports of learners bringing firearms, bladed weapons, and other dangerous objects into the school premises, raising significant concerns about the safety and well-being of the school community. Such incidents pose serious risks to life, disrupt the learning environment and may result in violence, injury, or other untoward incidents if not promptly prevented.
2. In line with the Department of Education's commitment to ensuring safe, secure, and child-friendly learning environment, and following the State's constitutional mandate to protect learners and school personnel, all schools are directed to intensify security measures to prevent the entry, possession, and use of firearms, bladed weapons, explosives, and other dangerous weapons within school premises, particularly in the classrooms and other learning spaces.
3. For more information, please read the above-cited Regional Memorandum.
4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are hereby directed.

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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BLADED WEAPONS, AND OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPONS INTO SCHOOL PREMISES  
AND CLASSROOMS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
School Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. This Office has received reports of learners bringing firearms, bladed weapons, and other dangerous objects into the school premises, raising significant concerns about the safety and well-being of the school community. Such incidents pose serious risks to life, disrupt the learning environment and may result in violence, injury, or other untoward incidents if not promptly prevented.
2. In line with the Department of Education's commitment to ensuring safe, secure, and child-friendly learning environments, and following the State's constitutional mandate to protect learners and school personnel, all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and Public Schools in Region VII are directed to intensify security measures to prevent the entry, possession, and use of firearms, bladed weapons, explosives, and other dangerous weapons within school premises, particularly in the classrooms and other learning spaces.
3. Further, all School Heads shall immediately implement the following measures:
  - a. strictly enforce the prohibition against bringing of firearms, bladed weapons, explosives, improvised weapons, replicas intended to threaten and other dangerous objects into school premises;
  - b. strengthen access control by ensuring that all entry and exit points are monitored during school hours;
  - c. conduct reasonable visual inspections of bags and personal belongings upon entry whenever warranted by security concerns, ensuring that inspections are carried out with due respect for the rights, dignity, and privacy of learners and personnel and in line with applicable laws and DepEd policies;
  - d. require all visitors to register at the school entrance, present valid identification, and state the purpose of their visit before being permitted to enter the school premises;
  - e. orient learners, parents, teachers, non-teaching personnel, and school security personnel on school policies regarding prohibited weapons and the corresponding disciplinary and legal consequences;



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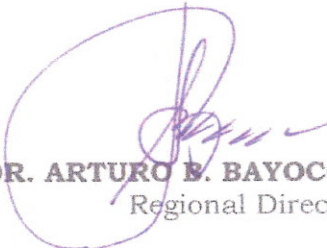


- f. strengthen coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP), Barangay Officials, Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (LDRRMOs), and other law enforcement agencies to enhance school security and emergency preparedness and response;
- g. immediately report any incident involving possession, display, or use of firearms or dangerous weapons to the Schools Division Office, the Regional Office through the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Unit, and the appropriate law enforcement authorities for immediate action; and
- h. review and update the School DRRM Plan, School Safety Plan, and emergency response procedures to include protocols for weapon-related incidents, active attacker scenarios, lockdown procedures, evacuation, and incident reporting.

4. With this, all schools are directed to conduct regular awareness campaigns on violence prevention, conflict resolution, mental health, child protection, and responsible behavior to foster a culture of safety, vigilance, and shared responsibility among all members of the school community.

5. Schools shall ensure that all actions undertaken following this Memorandum uphold the rights of learners and personnel and comply with applicable laws, due process requirements, and the principles of the DepEd Child Protection Policy.

6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are enjoined.

  
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