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

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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**TEMPORARY HOLDING/POSPONEMENT OF THE DIVISION SEARCH FOR UBE
PRODUCTION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026 -2027**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Division Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
School Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. The Schools Division Office of Tagbilaran City is implementing the Division Search for Ube Production for School Year 2026-2027. The activity aims to promote school-based agricultural production, develop learners' knowledge and skills in crop production, encourage appreciation of agriculture, and strengthen the integration of practical and sustainable agricultural practices in the school setting.
2. As part of the implementation the Division has already conducted the first round initial rating and monitoring of nine (9) schools to assess the status and development of their respective ube production areas.
3. However, during the initial monitoring, it was observed that a significant number of ube plants were withering, severely stressed or dying due to the prevailing extreme heat and unfavorable growing condition in Tagbilaran City and surrounding areas.
4. It was likewise observed that learners are directly involved in the maintenance and care of the ube production areas. While learner participation is encouraged as part of experiential and contextualized learning, the prevailing extreme heat conditions raise concerns regarding their health, safety and well-being, particularly when prolonged outdoor activities and frequent watering or maintenance of the crops are required.
5. Considering that the primary objective of the activity is to promote meaningful agriculture learning and sustainable production, the continuation of the competitive search under the present environmental conditions may:
 - a. compromise the health and safety of learners involved in the maintenance of the production areas;
 - b. result in further deterioration or loss of the ube plants despite the schools' effort; and,
 - c. after the fairness and validity of the search, as plant performance may be influenced more by prevailing climatic conditions than by the schools' actual management practices and efforts.

6. In view of these circumstances, and in consideration of the best interest, health, safety and welfare of learners, the Schools Division Office hereby announces the temporary holding/postponement of the succeeding activities of the Division Search for Ube Production for SY 2026-2027, effective immediately, until such time that environmental and growing conditions become more favorable.

7. The first round of initial rating and monitoring shall be treated as a baseline assessment and documentation of the status of the project. No final ranking or declaration of winners shall be made based solely on the current conditions of the production areas.

8. Schools are encouraged to continue appropriate and safe agricultural practices within their capacity, provided that such activities do not expose learners to unsafe heat conditions. Further, school heads are directed to disseminate this Memorandum and ensure its proper implementation.

9. For guidance, information, and appropriate action.

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