

AN ORDER ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES ON THE CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION OF CLASSES AND WORK IN SCHOOLS IN THE EVENT OF DISASTERS AND OTHER NATURAL CALAMITIES

WHEREAS, on 01 September 2022, the Department of Education in DepEd Order No. 037, s. 2022 providing the guidance on the suspension of classes due to disasters or calamities to spare the pupils, students, teaching and non-teaching personnel in schools from unnecessary dangers to their lives and limbs;

WHEREAS, Section 15, Art. II of the same affirms provides that: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.";

WHEREAS, DepEd Order No. 011, s. 2020 entitled the Revised Guidelines on Alternative Work Arrangements in the Department of Education During the Period of State of National Emergency Due to COVID-19 Pandemic provides the adopted distance learning modalities and alternative work arrangements, which minimize the health and safety risks brought about not only by the pandemic, but also by typhoons, flooding, and other weather disturbance that learners and teacher might exposed to;



WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code states every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare of the people within its territorial jurisdiction, and the public in general;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. CHRISTIAN D. NATIVIDAD, City Mayor of Malolos, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION I. SCOPE. All teaching and non-teaching personnel in DepEd Central Office, Regional Office, Division Office, and School. Learners under the jurisdiction of the DepEd in public schools.

Private schools and community learning centers, as well as state/local university and colleges have the option to abide.

SECTION II. GUIDELINES ON THE CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION OF CLASSES AND WORK IN SCHOOLS. In-person and online classes at all levels are "automatically canceled" during the following disasters and calamities:

a) Tropical Cyclone Wind Signals (TCWS) 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 by the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).

If the TCWS is issued at a time when classes have already begun, the school shall immediately suspend the classes and work and send everyone home, if it is safe to do so. However, schools are obligated to keep the students and personnel safely in school if traveling has become unsafe.

LGUs meanwhile will be the ones to decide on the suspension of classes in case of strong winds not caused by a typhoon.

b) Yellow, Orange, and Red Rainfall Warning by PAGASA.

"Dakila ang Bayan na may Malasakit sa Mamamayan"

Like the typhoon advisory, schools are also expected to suspend classes and work should heavy rainfall happen when classes have already begun except if traveling outside has become unsafe.

LGUs meanwhile will decide on the cancellation or suspension of classes in cases of torrential rains even if they were not issued a Heavy Rainfall Alert by PAGASA.

c) Flood Warning by the state weather bureau and if it is issued at a time when classes have already begun, the school shall immediately suspend the classes and work and send everyone home, if it is safe to do so.

LGUs are can also suspend classes in specific or all areas if there is flooding, even without a warning from PAGASA.

d) Earthquakes where the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHILVOCS) declares an earthquake with an intensity of 5 or above.

School Principals meanwhile can suspend classes at any intensity scale if they assess buildings and other structures are in danger of collapsing.

SECTION IV. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts or portions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION V. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION VI. DISSEMINATION. A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the Provincial Governor, for its information and guidance pursuant to Section 455 (1) (xii) or R.A. 7160, as amended, and shall be posted in the City Government of Malolos' official website.





SECTION VII. EFFECTIVITY

The Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing.

SO ORDERED.

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Signed in the City of Malolos, Bulacan this __ day of September 2022.

ATTY. CHRISTIAN ATIVIDAD

