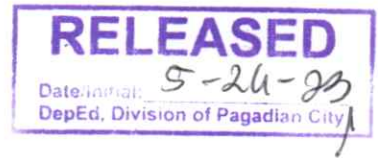




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Department of Education
REGION IX, ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA
DIVISION OF PAGADIAN CITY



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 119 s, 2023

PREPAREDNESS MEASURES FOR SUPER TYPHOON MAWAR (BETTY)

To: **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent**
Chief Education Supervisors) **SGOD, CID**
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads) **Public Schools, All levels**
School DRRM Coordinators
All Others Concerned


1. In reference to the Tropical Cyclone Advisory No. 5 which was issued at 11:00 AM, 26 May 2023, Super Typhoon “WAMAR” slightly intensifies while moving westward at 20 km/h over the Philippine Sea. Its location is 1740 km East of Southeastern Luzon with maximum sustained winds of 215 km/h near the center and gustiness up to 265 km/h.
2. On the track forecast, the super typhoon will enter the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) this evening or on Saturday morning. MAWAR will begin to decelerate on Sunday as it begins to move closer toward the waters east of Extreme Northern Luzon. It is also forecasted to enhance the Southwest Monsoon which may bring monsoon rains. There will be possible flash floods or landslides due to moderate to at times heavy rains.
3. As such, this office reiterates the guidelines on the cancellation of classes and work in schools due to typhoons, heavy rainfall, flooding, as prescribed in **DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022**.
4. Moreover, in anticipation to super typhoon’s adverse effects, all schools are hereby instructed to do the following preparatory measures as provided for in **DepEd Order No. 33, s. 2021**:
 - a. Secure weak parts of school and strengthen the stability of the structures by using anchors and guy wires;
 - b. Clean and clear all drainage systems to prevent them from clogging. Cover open drainage canals with proper warning signs;
 - c. Prune tress to keep electrical wirings form entanglement to avoid potential harm to life and property;
 - d. Unplug computers and other electrical equipment;
 - e. Safekeep school records, equipment, textbooks, furniture, and other pertinent materials. They should be moved to safer areas in case there will be flooding; and
 - f. Safeguard and transfer education resources and vital records in the pre-identified safe storage area.





5. School DRRM Coordinators (SDRRMC) shall monitor and provide regular updates to their School Heads as to the situation and for any additional preparedness and/or response measures that may be needed. All communications lines must be opened for immediate response to matters needing urgent attention.
6. Rapid Assessment of Damages Report (RADaR) Mobile App shall be mobilized as damage reporting tool. SDRRMCs are instructed to submit damages report within seventy-two (72) hours from the onslaught of the calamity/disaster.
7. For more information and guidance, School Heads and SDRRMCs are advised to refer to the following:
 - a. **PAGASA Advisories:** <https://www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph/tropical-cyclone/tropical-cyclone-advisory/>;
 - b. **DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022:** Guidelines on the Cancellation or Suspension of Classes and Work in Schools in the Event of Natural Disasters, Power Outages/ Power Interruptions, and Other Calamities;
 - c. **Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, s, 2013:** Guidelines on Evacuation Center Coordination and Management; and
 - e. **RA 10821:** “Children’s Emergency Relief and Protection Act”.
8. For questions and clarifications on DRRM protocols, you may contact the Division DRRM Coordinator, **Ms. Teodora M. Ortiz at 09179202391.**
9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.

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