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SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF MUNTINLUPA CITY

Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent

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MEMORANDUM

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**REITERATION OF POLICIES ON THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF  
THE INTERNET AND RELATED DEVICES**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
School Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools  
Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel  
All Others Concerned

1. This is in reference to the attached Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2026-06-1660 dated June 30, 2026, signed by Atty. Fatima Lipp D. Panontongan, Undersecretary and Chief of Staff, Atty. Filemon Ray L. Javier, Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs, and Malcolm S. Garma, Undersecretary for Governance and Operations, relative to the above-captioned subject, the contents of which are self-explanatory, for information and appropriate action.

2. In view thereof, this Office reiterates the provisions of the said issuance, highlighting paragraph 2, which reminds all field offices and schools **“to prohibit the use of portable electronic devices during instructional hours by both learners and personnel”**. However, exemptions are granted in meritorious cases, specifically for academic purposes (e.g., accessing educational platforms, digital resources, or participating in authorized online collaborative activities) and **emergency situations** (e.g., facilitating communication during disasters, medical crises, or other immediate safety concerns). This includes the prohibition of the usage of, but not limited to, social media, online games, content creation, and vlogging during class hours.

3. School heads are hereby directed to undertake the following actions:

a. Conduct orientations on responsible internet use, digital citizenship, cyber safety, media and information literacy, and online ethics;

b. Disseminate the provisions of this Memorandum during flag ceremonies, Homeroom Guidance, faculty and PTA meetings, and other appropriate school activities;

c. Establish or strengthen school protocols on the use of mobile phones, gadgets, and internet-enabled devices, consistent with existing DepEd policies;

d. Strictly regulate the use of electronic devices during instructional hours and ensure they are used only for legitimate educational purposes;



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e. Intensify campaigns against cyberbullying, online harassment, digital abuse, misinformation, disinformation, online gambling, and harmful online content;

f. Integrate responsible digital behavior and online safety into learner support programs, Values Education, Homeroom Guidance, and related initiatives;

g. Establish reporting, documentation, and referral mechanisms for technology-related incidents, including cyberbullying, online exploitation, unauthorized recording, and improper social media use;

h. Strengthen collaboration with parents, LGUs, law enforcement agencies, and community stakeholders to promote learner protection and responsible technology use; and

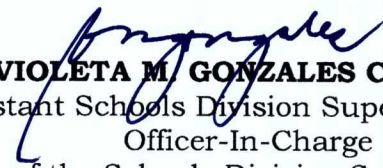
i. Include compliance with this Memorandum in the school's monitoring, supervision, and learner welfare mechanisms.

4. Public Schools District Supervisors shall monitor compliance and provide technical assistance to School Heads in the implementation of the foregoing provisions.

5. All teaching and non-teaching personnel are reminded to model responsible digital behavior and ensure that the use of electronic devices and online platforms supports the delivery of quality education, professional conduct, and learner welfare.

6. Any violation of applicable laws, rules, regulations, and DepEd issuances relative to the use of internet-enabled devices and online platforms shall be subject to appropriate administrative and disciplinary actions.

7. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is hereby directed.

  
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Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
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Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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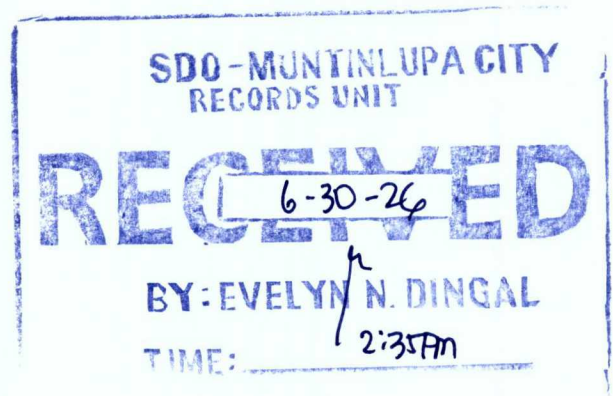
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Dear **Regional Directors:**

Good day!

This is to respectfully endorse the memorandum signed by Usec. Fatima Panontongan, Usec. Filemon Ray Javier, and Usec. Malcolm Garma regarding the Reiteration of Policies on the Safe and Responsible Use of the Internet and Related Devices.

Pursuant to the Department of Education's (DepEd) commitment to promote and uphold the welfare, safety, security, and protection of all learners and personnel, this Office reiterates the strict implementation of and compliance with existing policies and guidelines concerning the promotion of safe and responsible use of the internet and related devices.

DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026, titled *Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE)*, expressly **prohibits the use of portable electronic devices during instructional hours by both learners and personnel.**

In the interest of further promoting the aforementioned values, all field offices and schools are hereby directed to ensure the widest dissemination of these policies to all stakeholders and to **intensify the campaign on the safe and responsible use of the internet and related devices.**

Kindly see the attached memorandum for your reference and appropriate action.

**Respectfully,**



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TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
**ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
**ALL SCHOOL HEADS**  
**ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

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Guided by the ESMLE Framework, a **whole-of-society approach is necessary** in order to **properly guide learners**. Parents, Local Government Units, Police and other Law Enforcement agencies, other government agencies and instrumentalities, Non-Government Organizations/Civil Society Organizations, and all other stakeholders



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each have a collective role to play to ensure that the learners develop responsibility and empathy towards others, even outside the classroom.

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