

• **Foster Partnerships**

Strengthen collaboration with local authorities, parents, and other stakeholders to build a united approach to maintaining safety in school environments. Effective partnerships will be key to creating a more secure and supportive school community.

3. The program is structured with the following key components and schools are expected to observe the guidelines.

• **School Safety and Security Measures**

- Secure fencing, gates, and controlled entrances will limit access to authorized individuals, enhancing campus security.
- Schools are encouraged to make necessary widening of their school gates to facilitate a smoother entrance and exit of school goers.
- Surveillance cameras and lighting systems will be installed across school grounds to monitor activity and deter criminal behavior.
- Regular security checks and patrols will be conducted to maintain a vigilant presence on campus.
- Pedestrian lanes will be established to ensure safe movement outside the school vicinity.
- Barangay Tanod or Police Officers will be stationed on school premises, providing additional protection.
- Select schools will observe adjusted class schedules to help reduce traffic congestion around school zones, improving safety for learners.
- Schools should consider installations of School Zone signages.

• **Emergency Response Protocols**

- Development of clearly marked evacuation routes and assembly points will ensure that everyone knows where to go in case of an emergency.
- Every school will designate an evacuation area to facilitate orderly exits during a crisis.
- Schools will create and regularly update Contingency Plans and School Learning Continuity Plans to ensure the continuation of education during emergencies.
- Regular drills, such as fire and earthquake drills, will be conducted to prepare learners and staff for emergencies.
- Training on first aid and basic emergency procedures will be provided to both staff and learners, ensuring that they are equipped to handle medical emergencies and provide assistance if needed.

• **Stakeholder Engagement**

- Collaboration with local government units (LGUs), law enforcement, and emergency services will help build a coordinated safety response network, ensuring that schools have the support they need in times of crisis.
- Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs) and School Governance Councils will be actively involved in monitoring and supporting the safety measures, fostering a strong partnership between the school and the community.
- Clear communication channels will be established to provide immediate updates on emergencies, keeping stakeholders informed and ensuring swift action when needed.

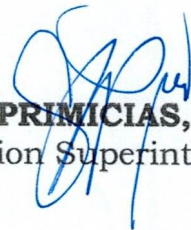


4. Monitoring and Evaluation

- a. Regular assessments of safety and security infrastructure will ensure that safety measures are effectively implemented and maintained.
- b. Feedback from learners, staff, and parents will be gathered to identify areas for improvement and ensure that safety measures are adapted to changing needs.
- c. Safety protocols and guidelines will be reviewed and updated periodically to ensure they remain relevant and effective.

5. The program launch is scheduled on **February 26, 2025**. A separate memorandum will be released containing information about the venue and other relevant details.

6. For your information, guidance, and compliance.


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