



Republika ng Pilipinas  
**Kagawaran ng Edukasyon**  
Tanggapan ng Pangalawang Kalihim

**MEMORANDUM**

4 June 2017

**FOR : ARMM REGIONAL SECRETARY  
REGIONAL DIRECTORS (REGIONS IX, X, XI, XII, AND XIII)  
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS OF ARMM AND  
REGIONS IX, X, XI, XII, XIII  
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN ARMM  
AND REGIONS IX, X, XI, XII, XIII**

**SUBJECT : REITERATION OF DO 44, S. 2005  
(DECLARATION OF SCHOOLS AS ZONES OF PEACE)**

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Due to the recent incidents of violence and armed conflict affecting thousands of people all over the country as well as the threat of various armed groups for continued assaults, the Department deems it essential and timely to reiterate DO 44, s. 2005 (attached) which is compliant to both RA 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act) and RA 10821 (Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act). The aforementioned DO declares **Schools as Zones of Peace**.

In light of this, the following are instructed:

- All schools in the aforementioned regions are instructed to post the two (2) official tarpaulin designs (attached) declaring Schools as Zones of Peace;
- Division and Regional Offices should assist in the reproduction of the aforementioned tarpaulins for all schools accommodating additional learners and evacuees due to the Marawi City Siege and ensure that these school have posted the said posters; and
- The Department enjoins all personnel, stakeholders and the community as a whole to actively participate and/or establish peace building initiatives to ensure the safety of our learners, personnel and schools.

For strict compliance.

  
**ALAIN DEL B. PASCUA**  
Undersecretary



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