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Department of Education
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NEGROS ORIENTAL

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

03 APR 2024

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 0301 s. 2024

DISSEMINATING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24, S. 2024

(An Executive Order Declaring Suspension of Face-to-Face Classes in all Levels in Public and Private schools in the Province of Negros Oriental Due to Extreme Heat Caused by the El Niño Phenomenon)

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Section Heads/SEPS/EPS II/PDOs
Public Schools District Supervisors/DICs/Dist. Caretakers
Public and Private School Heads of Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a copy of Executive Order No. 24, s. 2024, by the Hon. Manuel L. Sagarbarria, Governor of the Province of Negros Oriental. An Executive Order Declaring Suspension of Face-to-Face Classes in all Levels in Public and Private Schools in the Province of Negros Oriental Due to Extreme Heat Caused by El Niño Phenomenon.
2. For details, please refer to the attached Executive Order.
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired, for the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.


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Schools Division Superintendent

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24
Series of 2024

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING SUSPENSION OF FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES IN ALL LEVELS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL DUE TO EXTREME HEAT CAUSED BY EL NIÑO PHENOMENON

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to uphold the people's constitutional rights to life and property;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of R.A. No. 7160 or the Local Government Code provides that 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;

WHEREAS, the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA) issued El Niño Advisories projecting the effects of El Niño phenomenon to persist until May 2024;

WHEREAS, according to the report from the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM), the temperature in the Province has reached an average heat index of 38-39 degrees Celsius, significantly exceeding the normal range;

WHEREAS, the Schools Division Superintendent of the Division of Negros Oriental, Dr. Neri C. Ojastro, wrote a letter to the Office of the Governor through the Office of the Provincial Administrator, requesting the declaration of suspension of in-person classes to ensure the safety and well-being of the pupils and students, and personnel in the field;

WHEREAS, to ensure the welfare and safety of the public, most especially the pupils and students, teachers and personnel, against the extreme heat condition in the Province, there is a need to declare a suspension of face-to-face/in-person classes in all levels in private and public schools in the Province;

NOW THEREFORE, I, **MANUEL L. SAGARBARRIA**, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by law as the Governor of the Province of Negros Oriental, do hereby order and declare the **SUSPENSION OF FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES IN ALL LEVELS IN BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS** in the Province of Negros Oriental due to the extreme heat caused by El Niño today, April 3, 2024, and shall remain enforced until lifted.

Further, all heads of schools are encouraged to implement modular distance learning or alternative learning system to ensure continuity of learning.

All LDRRMC Members, Cities, Municipalities, and Barangay Officials, government employees and others concerned are directed to take all protocols to mitigate



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and prepare for possible actions and/or response to the El Niño Phenomenon in coordination with the PDRRMC.

Signed this **APRIL 3, 2024** in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, Philippines.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MS", positioned above the printed name of the Governor.

MANUEL L. SAGARBARRIA
Governor