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Department of Education
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
Schools Division of Negros Oriental

Office of the Schools Division
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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 0323 s. 2024

**DISSEMINATION OF DEPED REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 0296, SERIES OF 2024
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “ADVISORY ON THE PREROGATIVE OF SDO’s TO
RESCHEDULE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE EARLY LANGUAGE, LITERACY,
AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENT (ELLNA) AND THE NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
TEST FOR GRADE 6 (NATG6) DUE TO HIGH HEAT INDEX LEVELS”**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Division Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools Division Supervisors/DICs/District Caretakers
Public and Private School Heads/Administrators
All Others Concerned

1. This Office disseminates the DepEd Memorandum No. 0296 Series of 2024 otherwise known as “**Advisory on the Prerogative of SDO’s to Reschedule the Administration of the Early Language, Literacy, and Numeracy Assessment (ELLNA) and the National Achievement Test for Grade 6 (NATG6) Due to High Heat Index Levels**”, for information and guidance of all concerned.
2. Public Schools District Supervisors/District in-Charge/District Caretaker **shall provide a copy of this Memorandum through electronic means or any available social media** to both Public and Private Schools in their respective schools’ district.
3. Attached is a copy of the above-mentioned Memorandum for your reference.
4. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.


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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**ADVISORY ON THE PREROGATIVE OF SDOs TO RESCHEDULE THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE EARLY LANGUAGE, LITERACY, AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENT (ELLNA)
AND THE NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST FOR GRADE 6 (NATG6)
DUE TO HIGH HEAT INDEX LEVELS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. This is in reference to an advisory from Director Nelia V. Benito, PhD, CESO IV, Office of the Bureau of Education Assessment dated April 3, 2024 titled, "Prerogative of SDOs to Reschedule the Administration of the Early Language, Literacy, and Numeracy Assessment (ELLNA) and the National Achievement Test for Grade 6 (NATG6), for your information and guidance.
2. Immediate dissemination of, and compliance with this Memorandum are directed.

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ADVISORY

Prerogative of SDOs to Reschedule the Early Language, Literacy, and Numeracy Assessment (ELLNA) and the National Achievement Test for Grade 6 (NATG6) due to High Heat Index Levels

In lieu of the high heat index levels recorded by the PAGASA and subsequent suspension of in-person classes in multiple areas in the country as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 037 s. 2022, titled *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*, the following information is disseminated relevant to the conduct of the NATG6 and ELLNA for SY 2023-2024 (*DepEd Memo No. 016, s. 2024*):

1. Subsequent to the suspension of in-person classes due to extreme heat, the Schools Division Superintendents, in agreement with their local chief executives, have the prerogative to reschedule the conduct of the NATG6 and ELLNA in their area within the prescribed and extended testing window.
2. The extension of the testing window for the conduct of the NATG6 and ELLNA is as follows:

Assessment Program	Test Administration Schedule/ Testing Window	Extension of Testing Window
NATG6	April 1-5, 2024	until April 12, Friday
ELLNA	April 15-19, 2024	until April 26, Friday

3. The **Regional Testing Coordinators (RTCs)** shall submit the **rescheduled date/s** of their NATG6 and/or ELLNA test administration to BEA (bea.ead@deped.gov.ph) using the following file naming convention and file format:

Email Subject Line: <Name of Region_Rescheduled Assessment Program>

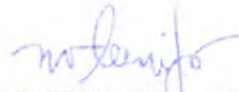
Example: Region III_Rescheduled NATG6 and ELLNA

Document Format:

Assessment Program (NATG6 and/or ELLNA)	Schools Division Office	Original Testing Date	Rescheduled Testing Date



4. For further queries and information, Regional Offices (ROs) and SDOs are requested to coordinate with the BEA - Education Assessment (BEA-EAD) through the following contact details: (02) 8631-2589 and bea.ead@deped.gov.ph.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Advisory is desired.



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LGU suspends April 2 in-person classes due to very hot weather

April 2, 2024 – 9:59AM

MANILA, Philippines — Several local government units suspended face-to-face classes on Tuesday, April 2, due to the very hot weather.

Quezon City said all daycare centers, alternative learning systems, and elementary and secondary levels in public schools will shift to either asynchronous or synchronous classes while Muntinlupa City said all morning classes from kindergarten to senior high school including Child Development Centers under Early Childhood Care and Development in public schools were shortened to until 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

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ALBAWABA - Education officials in the Philippines made a very tough call on Tuesday as very high temperatures forced the suspension of in-person classes in hundreds of schools around the country, especially in Manila. With the heat index expected to hit dangerously high levels, reaching up to 42 degrees Celsius in the capital, concerns for student safety caused the decision need to be made.

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The heat index, which considers both temperature and humidity, indicated scorching conditions across the Philippines.

Manila, along with other areas, faced levels nearing the "danger" line, making outdoor activities risky. Despite the actual temperature forecast for Manila hovering around 34 degrees Celsius, the combined effect of heat and humidity posed significant health risks.



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To avoid possible heat-related illnesses like cramps, exhaustion, and heat stroke, authorities chose to suspend in-person classes in many regions.

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Some schools in Manila adjusted their schedules, shortening class hours to avoid peak heat periods. Also, primary and secondary schools in Quezon, a densely populated part of Manila, were mandated to close, while others were given the option to switch to remote learning.

The impact of the heatwave goes beyond Manila, affecting regions in the southern island of Mindanao as well. Local officials in areas like Cotabato, South Cotabato, and Sultan Kudarat put in place similar measures, prioritizing student safety amidst the oppressive heat.

As temperatures soar, ensuring the safety of students and staff will remain the goal, making proactive measures to protect their well-being necessary.

Tags: Philippines, Heat Wave, schools, climate (/tags/climate).

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Extreme heat forces Philippine schools to cancel in-person classes

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Manila



A student uses a portable fan outside a school in Manila on April 2, 2024. Schools across the Philippine capital have closed classrooms as temperatures hit "dangerous" levels, education officials said.

More than a thousand schools across the Philippines canceled face-to-face classes this week due to high temperatures that have forced many activities indoors, officials said Tuesday.

Various local government offices announced a halt to in-person learning after the state weather bureau said that in some parts of the archipelago the heat index — which factors in air temperature and humidity — would reach "dangerous" levels over the next two days.

Daytime highs were forecast to hover between 42 to 51 degrees Celsius (107.6 to 123.8 degrees Fahrenheit) in 24 areas, according to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).

The above average temperatures would put people at risk of cramps, heat exhaustion and probable heat stroke with continued exposure, it said.

Residents in some parts of Metro Manila have been cooling off in inflatable pools set up beside the city's bustling roads, while others thronged the shoreline of the polluted Manila Bay over Easter weekend.

In the capital region, Quezon City in the north ordered all of its 158 public daycare facilities, grade schools and high schools to implement online or modular learning Tuesday. Muntinlupa City also suspended afternoon classes at all of its 147 public schools, from kindergartens to senior high schools.

Elsewhere on the main island of Luzon hundreds of in-person classes were canceled in Dagupan City and Mangaldan town in the northern province of Pangasinan, and Polangui and Libon towns in the southern Albay province.



Manila residents cool off in a makeshift pool beside a street amid sweltering temperatures on April 1, 2024. [AFP]

"The heat index as announced in Dagupan yesterday was 45 degrees centigrade and the forecast for the week is that it will hover at that level or higher," Rowena Bauzon, the superintendent for Dagupan City schools division, told

BenarNews.

Students would be taught through distance learning with no face-to-face classes for the rest of the week, she said.



A haze from the heat covers the horizon just before sunset in Dagupan City, north of the Philippine capital Manila, after the temperature soared to 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit), April 1, 2024. (Jojo Rinoza/BenarNews)

In the central Visayas region, local authorities ordered the closure of more than 800 schools, officials said.

On the populous southern island of Mindanao, many schools have implemented online or blended teaching — some for the rest of the month.

Zamboanga City — the second largest in Mindanao — has raised the alarm about water shortages due to precariously low water levels in key supply sources, including the Dumalon River. The city's disaster management office deployed tanker trucks this week to deliver water to several villages after

authorities implemented twelve-hour water rationing.

PAGASA has said that drought in the city could last until May.



Julius Caesar Manalo, a weather observer at PAGASA, monitors a solar radiation instrument called the Campbell-Stokes recorder that measures the duration and approximate intensity of sunshine at the Pagasa Science Garden in Quezon City on April 2, 2024. [Gerard Carreon/BenarNews]

The Philippines is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, including more frequent droughts, floods, typhoons and high temperatures.

Under the most severe modeling, the average temperature in all areas in the Philippines is expected to continue to rise by as much as 1.2 to 2.3 degrees Celsius by 2050, according to the Philippines' Climate Change Commission.

Most respondents in a survey of more than 10,000 Filipino teachers published in March last year complained that intense heat was making teaching difficult, according to the progressive Alliance of Concerned Teachers.

Some teachers also said high temperatures had triggered existing medical conditions in both teachers and students.

Since the summer of 2023, the Department of Education has allowed schools to use other modes of learning when temperatures reach dangerous levels.

Jojo Riñoza contributed to this report from Manila, and Froilan Gallardo from southern Cagayan de Oro city.