



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
Region X  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF TANGUB CITY**



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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 128, s. 2023

**ENSURING THE SAFETY OF SCHOOLS AGAINST HAZARDOUS TREES AND UNSAFE SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors (CID and SGOD)  
Public Schools District In-Charge  
Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
Elementary and Secondary School DRRM Coordinators  
All Others Concerned  
This Division

1. The Department of Education through Disaster Risk Reduction Management Services addressed underlying drivers of disaster risk such as hazardous trees and unsafe buildings that may cause dangers to the learners and school community. Anchoring on one of the DepEd's MATATAG agenda which is taking good care of the learners by promoting learner well-being, inclusive education, and a positive learning environment, this Office directs all school heads to ensure the safety of schools against hazardous trees and unsafe buildings.

2. Schools are directed to observe the Guidelines in Disaster Risk Reduction, Resilience, Adaptation, and Mitigation of Schools (DREAMS), Pillar 1: Safe Learning Facilities, to wit:

- a. School building/classroom components are according to DepEd and/or National Building Code approved standard design and specifications.
- b. Regular conduct of risk assessment of buildings, in coordination with the Education Facilities Division, and with the support of other agencies and partners.
- c. Appropriate action with respect to unsafe school buildings.
- d. Regular inspection and repair of the minor classroom (including facilities) damages.

3. Moreover, Section 68 of the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines or Presidential Decree (PD) 705 emphasizes that no one is allowed to just cut/trim trees without a permit. A secured permit is legally termed a Special Tree Cutting Permit which can be secured from the CENRO/ having jurisdiction over the area provided that the following will be complied with, to wit:

- a. Approved resolution from the PTA, teachers association, and Barangay Certification;
- b. DENR approved special cutting permit indicating specific location; quantity and species of trees;



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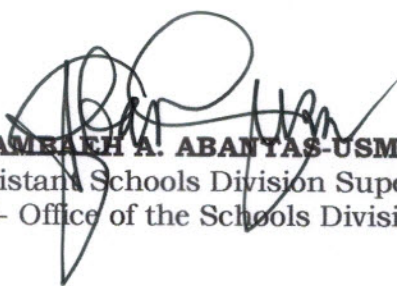

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- c. Division Physical. Facilities Coordinator's Ocular Inspection Report;
  - d. Program of Works Maximizing the utilization of the lumber products; and
  - e. Superintendent's or his representative's written approval.
4. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

  
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