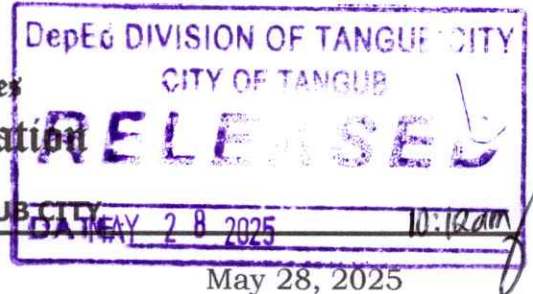




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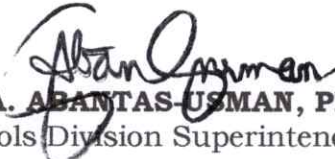
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REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 44, S. 2025: DECLARATION OF SCHOOLS AS ZONES OF PEACE

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors (CID & SGOD)
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District In-charge
Secondary and Elementary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the attached DepEd Order No. 44, s. 2005 otherwise known as **"Declaration of Schools as Zones of Peace"**, this Office reiterates the Declaration of Schools as Zones of Peace, emphasizing the importance of maintaining schools as safe, neutral, and peaceful places conducive to learning and child development.
2. All schools are directed to display visible signage declaring the school as a **"Zone of Peace"** and to integrate peace education and conflict-resolution strategies into school programs and activities.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.


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DECLARATION OF SCHOOLS AS ZONES OF PEACE

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Whereas, under Republic Act No. 7610, known as the "**Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act**", states that "... Children are hereby declared as Zones of Peace. It shall be the responsibility of the State and all other sectors concerned to resolve armed conflicts in order to promote the goal of children as zones of peace ..." (Article X, Sec. 22).
2. Whereas, under Republic Act No. 9155, known as the "Governance on Basic Education Act of 2001", one of the purposes and objectives of the Department of Education (DepED) is "*to establish schools and learning centers as facilities where schoolchildren are able to learn a range of core competencies prescribed for elementary and high school education programs or where the out-of-school youth and adult learners are provided alternative learning programs and receive accreditation for at least the equivalent of a high school education*" [Sec. 3(g)].
3. Whereas, the DepED is a direct service provider to Filipino children by providing quality basic education and is also a member of the Inter-Agency Committee in Children Involved in Armed Conflict (IAC-CIAC), which is under the oversight of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP).
4. Therefore, DepED affirms its commitment for the children by declaring the "Schools as Zones of Peace".
5. Furthermore, all concerned personnel in the Central and field offices are mandated to make necessary actions to make all schools a place where children can receive utmost security and peace.
6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Order is directed.


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