



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region VI – Western Visayas
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CAPIZ

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. **257**, s. 2025

ENSURING THE SAFE RETURN OF LEARNERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

To: OIC - Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
OIC - Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary, and Integrated Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 474, s. 2025 titled **Ensuring the Safe Return of Learners for School Year 2025-2026**, which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


ROEL F. BERMEJO
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated
Reference: Regional Memorandum No. 474, s. 2025
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

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**ENSURING THE SAFE RETURN OF LEARNERS
FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. To ensure adherence to the MATATAG Education Agenda specifically on taking good care of learners by promoting their well-being and providing a positive learning environment, this Office requests the SDOs to follow the guidelines to ensure the safe return of learners for School Year 2025-2026, such as but not limited to:

- protect learners from abuse, violence, exploitation, discrimination, bullying, and other forms of abuse by strictly implementing **DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012** titled **DepEd Child Protection Policy**, **Regional Memorandum No. 386, s. 2025** titled **Standardized Protocols for Handling Bullying and Child Abuse Cases**, **Regional Memorandum No. 182, s. 2024** titled **Reiteration of Strict Compliance with Department of Education (DepEd) Order No. 55, s. 2013**, titled **Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10627**, otherwise known as the **Anti-Bullying Act of 2013**;
- ensure that healthy and nutritious food and beverages are available to learners in compliance with **DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2017** titled **Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices**;
- enjoin compliance with **DepEd Order No. 18, s. 2015** titled **DepEd Guidelines and Procedures on the Management of Children-at-Risk (CAR) and Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL)** and ;
- provide necessary medical assistance and intervention to learners showing signs and symptoms of illnesses and/or sickness; and
- request assistance from local law enforcement entities to ensure peace and order within the vicinity of the schools.



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2. The SDOs may include other guidelines/provisions/precautionary measures which are not contradictory to this Memorandum.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Assistant Regional Director
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

Encl.: None

Reference: As stated

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