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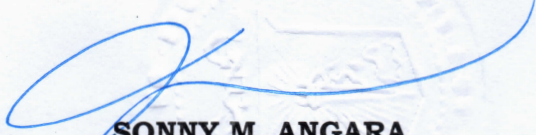
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DepEd MEMORANDUM
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**CLASS SUSPENSION IN REGION IV-A AND THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
DUE TO VOLCANIC SMOG FROM THE TAAL VOLCANO ERUPTION**

To: Regional Directors Concerned
Schools Division Superintendents Concerned
Regional and Division DRRM Coordinators Concerned
(Regions IV-A and NCR)

1. In light of the recent eruption of Taal Volcano and the release of volcanic smog (vog) in the past 24 hours, the Department of Education (DepED) is authorizing affected schools to suspend classes in the absence of an official announcement from the local government units.
2. To ensure learning continuity in affected areas, DepED instructs schools to employ alternative delivery modalities such as modular or online learning.
3. Meanwhile, the decision to lift the suspension will depend on whether it is safe for learners and teachers to return. Concerned personnel are advised to stay updated through news and announcements from the Philippine Institute for Volcanology and Seismology.
4. Furthermore, in cases of casualties such as displacements, injuries, or other incidents involving learners and teachers, schools must report these to the Regional Office. The Regional Office will then forward the information to the Central Office, through the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service at email address: drmo@deped.gov.ph
5. Lastly, the DRRMS has also activated the Rapid Assessment of Damages Report (RADAR) for the said hazard. DRRM Coordinators are required to report using the application.
6. For dissemination.


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Secretary

