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DepED ORDER  
No. 44, s. 2005

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.

FE A. HIDALGO  
Undersecretary  
Officer-in-Charge



Republika ng Pilipinas  
**Kagawaran ng Edukasyon**  
Tanggapan ng Pangalawang Kalihim

**MEMORANDUM**

4 June 2017

**FOR : ARMM REGIONAL SECRETARY  
REGIONAL DIRECTORS (REGIONS IX, X, XI, XII, AND XIII)  
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS OF ARMM AND  
REGIONS IX, X, XI, XII, XIII  
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN ARMM  
AND REGIONS IX, X, XI, XII, XIII**

**SUBJECT : REITERATION OF DO 44, S. 2005  
(DECLARATION OF SCHOOLS AS ZONES OF PEACE)**

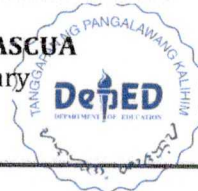
Due to the recent incidents of violence and armed conflict affecting thousands of people all over the country as well as the threat of various armed groups for continued assaults, the Department deems it essential and timely to reiterate DO 44, s. 2005 (attached) which is compliant to both RA 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act) and RA 10821 (Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act). The aforementioned DO declares **Schools as Zones of Peace**.

In light of this, the following are instructed:

- All schools in the aforementioned regions are instructed to post the two (2) official tarpaulin designs (attached) declaring Schools as Zones of Peace;
- Division and Regional Offices should assist in the reproduction of the aforementioned tarpaulins for all schools accommodating additional learners and evacuees due to the Marawi City Siege and ensure that these school have posted the said posters; and
- The Department enjoins all personnel, stakeholders and the community as a whole to actively participate and/or establish peace building initiatives to ensure the safety of our learners, personnel and schools.

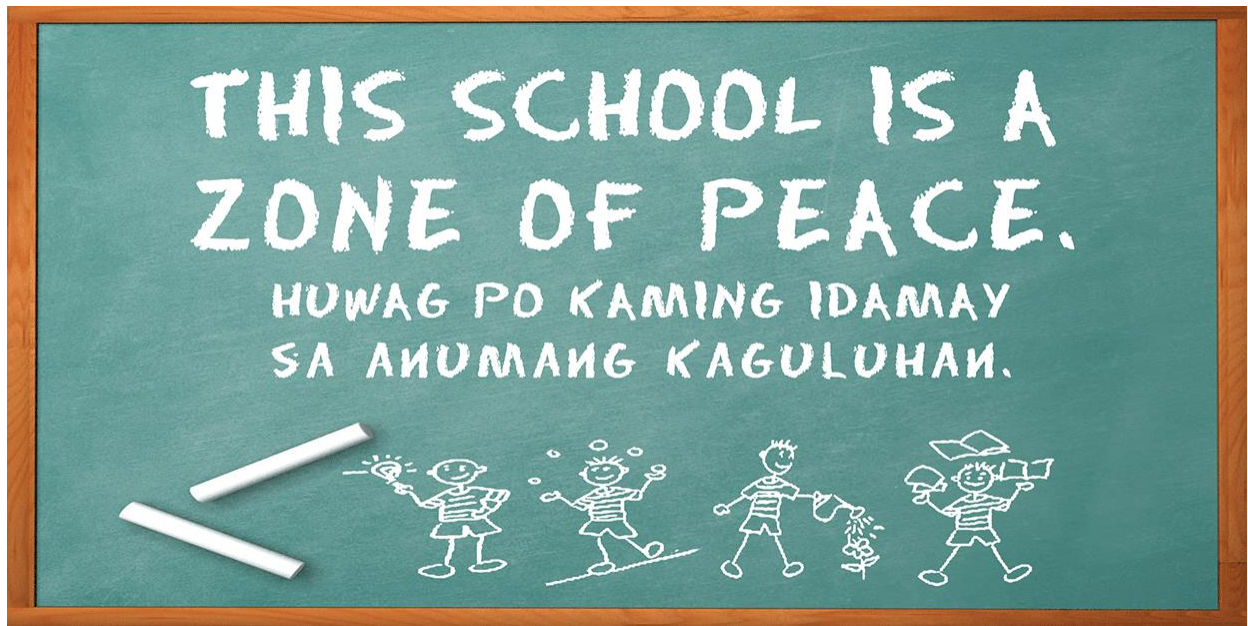
For strict compliance.

  
**ALAIN DEL B. PASCUA**  
Undersecretary



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