



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

August 30, 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **901**, s. 2023

**REGIONAL TASK FORCE 8 TO END THE LOCAL COMMUNIST ARMED
CONFLICT (RTF8-ELCAC) SITUATIONAL AWARENESS AND
KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (SAKM)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

- Attached is a communication from Eustacio V. Bacabac, Regional Director of the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA)-8, the Cluster Lead of the Situational Awareness and Knowledge Management (SAKM), where the Department of Education is a member, dated August 22, 2023, relative to the need for a sustained and intensive information and awareness campaign in schools.
- Relative thereto, the SAKM Cluster will conduct an information and awareness campaign with the Senior High School Learners, the Junior High School student leaders, teachers and non-teaching school personnel and the school PTA Officers in **all schools in the Region**. The NICA will coordinate with the Schools Division Offices on their specific schedules of visit.
- The Schools Division Superintendents are requested to inform the school heads to identify a venue inside the school for the conduct of the campaign. They should likewise request all the identified participants to be present during the activity. However, care and utmost discretion should be employed on deciding on the schedule of the activity so that no class will be disrupted as DepEd works on its Learning Recovery Plan.
- All expenses relative to the conduct of this activity shall be charged to their respective MOOE/SEF/Local Fund subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO III
Regional Director

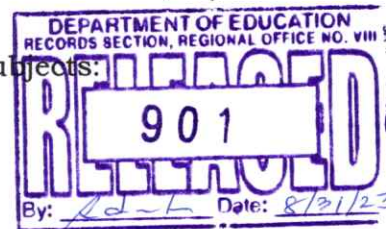
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22 August 2023

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Dear **Director Fetalvero**,

The undersigned would like to express deep gratitude to your positive response to our letter dated 11 May 2023 regarding our proposal to conduct information and awareness campaigns in DepEd-8-supervised schools with your issuance of DepEd-8 Regional Memorandum No. 551, s. 2023 dated 05 June 2023 Re: Regional Task Force to End the Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF8-ELCAC) Situational Awareness and Knowledge Management (SAKM).

Vice President and Education Secretary Sara Z. Duterte, who also serves as Vice Chairperson of the National Task Force to End the Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), has emphasized that "education is intertwined with national security" and that it is very important that "we mold children who are patriotic, children who will love our country and will defend our country."

The education sector is one of our priorities as it plays a key role in the whole-of-nation strategy in ending the 54 years of local communist armed conflict, particularly by thwarting the CTG's recruitment from among the teachers and students. Hence, we would like to intensify and sustain the information and awareness campaign of the SAKM Cluster in all the schools in Eastern Visayas.

In this regard, we would like to request your good office to allow us to deliver our presentations on the NTF70 Call to Action and Orientation on the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG) Problem to all the school heads, teachers and non-teaching personnel as well as the Orientation for the Youth and Students on Terrorist Recruitment (OYSTR) to the junior high school and senior high school learners in all the DepEd supervised schools in Region 8. We further request the assistance of your school heads for us to engage the learners' parents, through the Parents and Teachers Associations (PTAs), present to them these orientations and call for their active support and participation in the

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government's ELCAC efforts starting with their families and in their communities.

We hope for your continued support and positive response to our proposals. For purposes of timely coordination on this matter, I have tasked my staff, Mr. Dorendo Regis, to engage with your good office.

Thank you and more power.

Sincerely yours,


EUSTACIO V. BACABAC
Regional Director

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