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REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

Office of the Regional Director

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HON. CARLO P. LORETO
Chairperson, Committee on Education
Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Leyte Provincial Government Complex
Palo, Leyte

Dear Hon. Loreto:

Greetings!

In light of the recent shooting incident that resulted the tragic loss of three learners and injuries to several others, as well as reports circulating regarding threats of violence against learners in some of our schools, the undersigned respectfully seeks the assistance of your esteemed Office in ensuring that our schools remain safe, secure and conducive environments for learning. Such support will also help provide peace of mind to our teaching and non-teaching personnel, parents and other stakeholders.

In this regard, we respectfully request your consideration and support for the following measures:

1. Increased police visibility in and around school premises;
2. Deployment of Barangay Tanods to assist in maintaining peace and order;
3. Construction of concrete perimeter fences for schools; and
4. Provision of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) systems within school campuses.

Furthermore, we respectfully propose the consideration of an ordinance regulating the use of cellular phones and access to online games by minors, subject to reasonable conditions regarding age, place, and time of use, in order to promote the safety, well-being, and academic development of our learners.

While the Department of Education remains steadfast in its commitment to providing safe and nurturing learning environments, its resources are limited and may not be sufficient to fully address the growing security concerns faced by our schools. As such, the support and assistance of your Office are invaluable, particularly during these challenging times faced by our schools here in DepEd Region VIII.

We trust in your kind consideration and support of these requests and sincerely appreciate your continued partnership, support, and commitment to the welfare of our learners and the entire school community.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Regional Director

