



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CALBAYOG CITY

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July 20, 2026

CONDUCT OF SCHOOL SAFETY SIMULATION EXERCISES (SIMEX)

1. Attached is a communication letter from the Philippine National Police, Calbayog City Police Station, seeking support and coordination to selected public and private schools on the conduct of **School Safety Simulation Exercises (SIMEX)**. Notice shall be sent to the selected schools through a communication from the PNP.
2. The simulation exercises aim to enhance the preparedness and response capabilities of school administrators, teachers, learners, and other stakeholders in addressing various emergency situations.
3. In this regard, authority and power on decision making is given to the school heads under RA 9155, also in accordance with DepEd Order No. 009, s.2026 and consistent with the principle of Authority, Responsibility, and Accountability (AuRA), taking into consideration the welfare of learners, availability of resources, safety measures, and the attainment of school and division targets.
4. School Heads are reminded that this activity shall be voluntary and shall not result in the disruption of classes, learning delivery, assessment activities, or other official school undertakings. This is to ensure continuity of instruction and the protection of instructional time in accordance with existing DepEd policies.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Advisory are desired.




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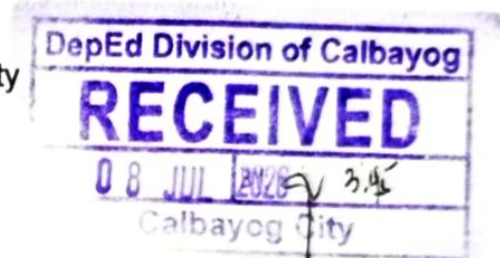
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Department of Education – Schools Division of Calbayog City

Dear Dr. Cadayona:

Greetings!



In line with the attached memorandum issued by the Samar Police Provincial Office entitled **"Intensified Public Safety Operations and Preventive Measures for OPLAN Balik-Eskwela School Year (SY) 2026–2027 to Address Emerging Safety Risks,"** this Office respectfully seeks the support and coordination of the Department of Education – Schools Division of Calbayog City for the conduct of **weekly School Safety Simulation Exercises (SIMEX)** in selected public and private schools within the City of Calbayog.

The simulation exercises aim to enhance the preparedness and response capabilities of school administrators, teachers, learners, and other stakeholders in addressing various emergency situations, including but not limited to:

- Active Shooter Incident;
- Stabbing Incident;
- Bomb Threat; and
- Hostage-Taking Incident.

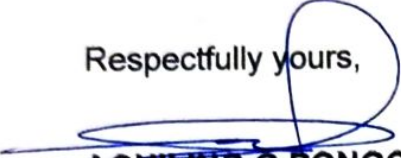
In this regard, we respectfully request the support and cooperation of your good office in facilitating coordination with the concerned schools to ensure their active participation and cooperation, as Calbayog City Police Station shall prepare and implement a weekly schedule of School Safety Simulation Exercises (SIMEX), including the identification and selection of participating schools, to ensure the systematic and continuous conduct of the activity throughout the School Year.

Rest assured that all simulation exercises shall be conducted in close coordination with the concerned school authorities, with due consideration to the safety, welfare, and normal academic activities of the learners and school personnel.



We look forward to your favorable response and continued partnership in ensuring a safe and secure learning environment for all schools in Calbayog City.

Respectfully yours,


AQUILINO G PONGCOL 
Police Lieutenant Colonel
Officer in-Charge



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SAMAR POLICE PROVINCIAL OFFICE
Camp Gen. Vicente R. Lukban, Catbalogan City, Samar



**SPPO3
MEMORANDUM**

TO : All Chiefs of Police

FROM : PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : Intensified of Public Safety Operations and Preventive Measures for OPLAN Balik-Eskwela School Year (SY) 2026-2027 to Address Emerging Safety Risks

DATE : June 29, 2026

1. Reference: Memorandum from C, ROD dated June 29, 2026 with the same subject stated above.

2. This pertains to the intensification of public safety and preventive measures to ensure security particularly in schools and places of education under the OPLAN Balik-Eskwela School Year (SY) 2026-2027, in view of the recent school-related violent incidents in the country.

3. In this regard, you are directed to undertake the following public safety operations and security measures, such as, but not limited to:

- a. Conduct weekly Simulation Exercise (SIMEX) on the following in coordination with School Authorities and Force Multipliers in respective areas of responsibility (AOR) to enhance awareness and preparedness in school premises:
 - ❖ Active Shooter Scenario;
 - ❖ Stabbing Scenario;
 - ❖ Bomb Threat Scenario; and
 - ❖ Hostage Taking Scenario.
- b. Coordinate with school authorities to facilitate and sustain the conduct of school-based activities to improve security and emergency response capabilities;
- c. Establish and maintain quick response capabilities, including rapid deployment utilizing skills learned through these activities in case of emergency; and
- d. Ensure documentation through a minimum of 30-second video recording and action photos for continuous monitoring, assessment, and



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operational recalibration at all levels to promptly address the emerging safety concerns and operational gaps.

4. Submit After Activity Report to this Office (Attn: POU) and upload the video recordings to this Office Official Viber number (09177990752) starting July 1, 2026 (Wednesday) and every week thereafter.

5. For strict compliance.


ARWIN M TADEO
Police Colonel



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