



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
Region VI-Western Visayas  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF KABANKALAN CITY

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 185, s. 2024

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**ENSURING THE SAFE RETURN OF LEARNERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025**

To: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent  
Chiefs, CID and SGOD  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. Consistent with Regional Memorandum No. 635, s. 2024 re: Ensuring the Safe Return of Learners for School Year 2024-2025, and to ensure adherence to the MATATAG Education Agenda specifically on taking good care of learners by promoting their well-being and providing a positive learning environment, this Office requests all elementary and secondary schools to follow the guidelines to ensure the safe return of learners for School Year 2024-2025, such as but not limited to:

- protect learners from abuse, violence, exploitation, discrimination, bullying, and other forms of abuse by strictly implementing **DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012** titled **DepEd Child Protection Policy**;
- ensure that healthy and nutritious food and beverages are available to learners in compliance with **DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2017** titled **Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverages Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices**;
- enjoin compliance with DepEd Order No. 18, s. 2015 titled **DepEd Guidelines and Procedures on the Management of Children-at-Risk (CAR) and Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL)**;
- provide necessary medical assistance and intervention to learners showing signs and symptoms of illnesses and/or sickness, and
- request assistance from local law enforcement entities to ensure peace and order within the vicinity of the schools.

2. Further, schools are encouraged to coordinate with their respective Barangay Captains and Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team (BPAT) in maintaining the peace and order situation during the first few days after the Opening of Classes in anticipation of the influx of the learners and parents in schools.

3. All schools are advised to put up the following:

- **help desk** to assist late enrollees, and
- **locator map** to guide parents and learners of their classroom assignments.

4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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