



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
Region VI – Western Visayas  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE - CAPIZ**

25 August 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. **413**, s. 2023

**ENSURING THE SAFE RETURN OF LEARNERS FOR  
SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024**

To: OIC, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
OIC, Office of the Chief Education Supervisor, SGOD  
Chief Education Supervisor, CID  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 637, s. 2023 titled ***“Ensuring the Safe Return of Learners for School Year 2023-2024”***.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

**MIGUEL MAC D. APOSIN EdD, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated  
Reference: As stated  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
Under the following subjects:

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**ENSURING THE SAFE RETURN OF LEARNERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. 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 the SDOs to follow the guidelines to ensure the safe return of learners for School Year 2023-2024, such as but not limited to:

- protect learners from abuse, violence, exploitation, discrimination, bullying, and other forms for 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;
- ensure that school grounds, classrooms and all their walls, and other school facilities are clean and free from unnecessary artwork, decorations, tarpaulin, and posters at all times. Oversized signages with commercial advertisements, words of sponsorships, and/ or endorsements or announcements of any kind or nature shall be taken down in compliance with DepEd Order No. 21, s. 2023 titled **2023 Brigada Eskwela Implementing Guidelines.** Classroom walls shall remain bare and devoid of posters, decorations or other posted materials. Classrooms should not be used to stockpile materials and should be clear of other unused items or items for disposal; and
- request assistance from local law enforcement entities to ensure peace and order within the vicinity of the school.



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2. The SDOs may include other guidelines/provisions/precautionary measures which are not contradictory to this Memorandum.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III  
Regional Director

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