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Department of Education
Region VI – Western Visayas
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CAPIZ

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**SECURITY ADVISORY: PHISHING CAMPAIGN USING “MITIGATION AND UPGRADE”
EMAIL SCAM**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
OIC – Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary, and Integrated Schools
All Others Concerned

1. The Schools Division Office informs all personnel of a **new phishing campaign** currently circulating and targeting DepEd employees. This advisory is based on the notice issued by the **DepEd – Computer Emergency Response Team (DepEd CERT)** regarding fraudulent emails that mimic official DepEd communication.

- **Summary of the Fake Email**

The phishing email falsely claims that, **effective February 28, 2026**, all DepEd email accounts have been migrated from **Microsoft 365 Outlook to Gmail**, and urges users to access their “new official email platform” via a **malicious link (portal.gmail.com)**.

The email also pretends to offer upgraded access to **Google Workspace for Education Plus**, including Google Classroom enhancements and AI assistance — all intended to lure victims.

- **Indicators of the Phishing Scam**

Based on the attached advisory:

The email imitates official DepEd formatting and messaging. It instructs personnel to click an **external suspicious link**. It uses urgency (“effective immediately”, “to avoid deactivation”, etc.) to pressure users. Personnel are reminded that **DepEd does NOT issue account migration notices through external or non-standard channels**, nor will any official communication require urgent clicking of unfamiliar links.



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- **Immediate Actions Required**

All field offices and schools must:

- a. Disseminate the Images**

Share the sample phishing email screenshot with all personnel to help them recognize this specific scam.

- b. Reinforce Reporting Protocols**

Direct all staff to use the **“Report Phishing”** button in their email client when encountering suspicious emails.

Simply deleting the message does not help DepEd CERT track and block malicious domains.

- c. Verify Only via Official Channels**

Remind all personnel that **any DepEd account maintenance, migration, or deactivation notices will only come from legitimate DepEd ICT channels**, never from suspicious external links or unfamiliar email domains.

- **Reminder**

All personnel are instructed **NOT to click any link** contained in the fraudulent email and **NOT to provide credentials** on any site that is not part of official DepEd systems.

2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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