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TO : **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent**
Chief Education Supervisors (SGOD and CID)
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

FROM : **NYMPHA D. GUEMO**
Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT : **PREPAREDNESS MEASURES FOR MAYON VOLCANO ALERT LEVEL 3**

DATE : **January 6, 2023**

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1. Relative to the recent update of DOST-PHIVOLCS regarding Mayon Volcanos alert level, which has been raised to level 3. This means that Mayon is exhibiting magmatic eruption at the summit lava dome, with increased chances of lava flows and hazardous PDCs or *uson* affecting the upper to middle slopes of the volcano and of potential explosive activity within days or weeks. In view thereof, It is crucial that we implement the following preparedness measures.

a. **Emergency Communication:**
   - Ensure all emergency contact information is up-to-date and readily accessible.
   - Establish a reliable communication system within the workplace to disseminate information quickly.

b. **Emergency Supplies:**
   - Maintain emergency supply kits both at work and at home, including essential items such s non-perishable food, drinking water, flashlight, batteries, first aid kits, and any necessary medications.
   - Regularly check and replenish emergency supplies to ensure they are in working condition.

c. **Evacuation Plan:**
   - Review and update the school's emergency evacuation plan.
   - Clearly communicate evacuation routes, assembly points, and other safety protocols to all personnel and learners.
   - Conduct practice drills periodically to familiarize personnel and learners with the evacuation procedures.

d. **Safety Awareness:**
   - Educate personnel and learners about the signs and symptoms of volcanic activity, such as ground deformation, increased gas emissions, or volcanic earthquakes.

e. **School Site Preparedness:**
   - Conduct a thorough inspection of the school to identify potential hazards or vulnerabilities related to volcanic activity.
   - Implement measures to mitigate risks, such as reinforcing structures, securing loose objects, and stablishing safe zones within the premises.

2. For information, guidance and compliance.