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REITERATION OF PROTOCOLS ON GADGET USE AND SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS FOR CONTENT CREATION

To : Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Other Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, attached is a copy of Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-11-3725, signed by Undersecretary Malcolm S. Garma, regarding the **Reiteration of Protocols on Gadget Use and Safeguarding Standards for Content Creation**. The memorandum reiterates the policies and protocols governing the use of gadgets and the conduct of content creation activities within school premises, particularly during instructional hours.

2. Public schools shall secure authorization from the Schools Division Office (SDO) for partnership activities, particularly those involving content creation. The SDO and the concerned school shall ensure that learners and their parents or legal guardians are properly consulted regarding any potential exposure or representation of learners on social media platforms and that the necessary informed consent is obtained. Activities that may expose learners to exploitation, abuse, discrimination, humiliation, cyberbullying, harassment, or unauthorized disclosure of personal information shall be strictly prohibited.

3. In reiteration of DepEd Order No. 006, s. 2026, Item VI, Paragraph 5(g), schools and Community Learning Centers (CLCs) shall prohibit learners and personnel from using cellular phones and other portable devices during instructional periods. This measure aims to minimize distractions and preserve the integrity of the teaching and learning process. Exceptions may be allowed in meritorious cases, particularly when the use of such devices is necessary for academic purposes or in emergency situations, subject to applicable guidelines.

4. All schools are enjoined to strictly implement these guidelines to maintain a safe, respectful, and learner-centered educational environment. DepEd personnel at all governance levels shall remain vigilant in safeguarding learners against activities that may compromise their safety, privacy, security, dignity, well-being, and academic engagement. School heads are likewise encouraged to ensure that all partnership and content creation activities comply with existing DepEd policies on child protection, data privacy, and learner safeguarding.

5. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is hereby directed for their information, guidance, and strict compliance.

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