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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: Schools Division Superintendents
Division DRRM Coordinators
Division YFD Coordinators
All Others Concerned

STUDENT LEADERS FORUM AND CLIMATE CHANGE CARAVAN

1. Youth play a critical and evolving role in both disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change action. While historically viewed as vulnerable victims, youth are now widely recognized as powerful agents of change, innovators, and advocates. Their contributions are essential for building a more resilient and sustainable future. Their unique perspectives, energy, and tech-savviness allow them to contribute in diverse ways.

2. This year, DepEd Caraga, through the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Program, will once again conduct the Student Leaders Forum on Disaster Preparedness and Response Actions in Schools-cum-2025 Regional Climate Change Caravan (RCCC) on October 7-9, 2025, at Southville Hotel and Convention Center, Villa Kanangga, Butuan City.

3. The activity aims to:

- Equip student leaders and school personnel with a comprehensive understanding of DRRM and climate science, its local impacts, and global policies,
- Provide them with practical skills in project management, effective communication, and advocacy to help them create and implement DRRM and climate action plans in their schools and communities,
- Connect like-minded students to create a supportive network for sharing best practices and collaborating on initiatives,
- Motivate student leaders and school personnel to take ownership of the disaster and climate crisis and inspire their peers to become more environmentally responsible and disaster resilient; and,
- Empower student leaders and school personnel to express current issues and collaborate with partners to resolve the gaps and needs.

4. Expected participants per SDO are as follows:

Participants	No. of Slots
SGOD Chief	1
Division DRRM Coordinator	1
Division DRRM Admin Support (CoS)	1
Division Youth Formation Program Coordinator	1
School DRRM/Youth Formation Coordinators	2

Participants	No. of Slots
Student Leaders/BERT Leader (Junior or Senior High School)	5
Student Artist (for the art workshop)	1
Total	12

5. To maximize the opportunity and resources, division offices may opt to replace identified participants who have conflicting schedules or prior commitment. Approved travel authority must be presented during the registration process.

6. Provisions for the participants are as follows:

Provisions	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Breakfast	/	/	/
AM Snacks	/	/	/
Lunch	/	/	/
PM Snacks	/	/	/
Dinner	/	/	x
Overnight accommodation	/	/	x

7. Presenters of DRRM and climate change best practices and innovations are select student leaders from the following divisions:

Themes/Topics	Presenter/s
Student Leaders Forum: October 7-8, 2025	
"Beyond the Drill: Building a Culture of Preparedness, together"	Surigao del Sur Division
"From Awareness to Action: Student-Led Initiatives for a Safer Tomorrow"	Agusan del Norte Division
"Our Voice, Our Safety: Student Leaders for a Disaster-Resilient School"	Cabadbaran City Division
"From Response to Recovery: Student Leaders as Catalysts for Community Resilience"	Siargao Division
2025 Regional Climate Change Caravan: October 8-9, 2025	
"Green Skills for a Green Future: Youth Innovators in Climate Solutions"	Agusan del Sur Division
"Planet vs. Plastics: A Youth-Led Campaign for a Plastic-Free World"	Bayugan City Division

8. Student presenters are given 30 minutes to showcase their best practices and innovations followed by an open forum. Other division offices are also required to submit a 3-5 minute video to be played as additional highlight of the event. Names of the presenters and their schools must be submitted to this office on or before **September 26, 2025**, along with a brief background of the presentation.

9. The featured best practices and innovations of the divisions or schools must be displayed in a standee tarpaulin measuring 2 ft x 5 ft (or 24" x 60"). During the climate change art sessions, student's output will be drawn in an illustration board size 1/8 and 1/4 to be displayed during the gallery walk. Art materials will be provided by the secretariat. However, participants may bring their own art materials if preferred.

10. As pre-work, the Division DRRM Coordinators have to identify the programs and projects implemented in their schools involving the local and national partners. This data will be used during the action planning workshop of the students.

11. Lastly, student participants are requested to wear their complete school uniform and ID during the student leader's forum. AVPs and/or PowerPoint presentations of the SDOs and student presenters are requested to be emailed to megnon.beldad@deped.gov.ph not later than **September 30, 2025**.

12. Attached is the tentative program of the activity for reference. Travel expenses, per diems, and other necessary expenses will be charged against the local funds (MOOE/DPRP) whichever is available/allowable subject to the usual accounting and auditing policies.

13. For other related concerns, contact Megnon P. Beldad, PDO II-DRRM through the email address above.

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Encl.: As Stated

Reference: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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