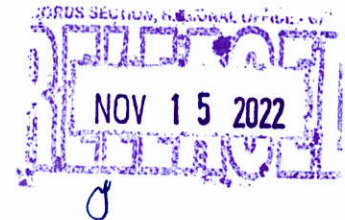




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Department of Education
CARAGA REGION



November 15, 2022

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 1010, s. 2022

To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
This region

NON-INSTALLATION OF ROAD BARRICADES ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

1. In reference to the letter of DPWH Field Office XIII, as herewith attached, all Schools Division Offices and its schools are informed of the Section 23, Presidential Decree No. 17, s. 1972, otherwise known as the revised Philippine Highway Act and the DPWH Order No. 73, s. 2014, "Prohibited Uses Within the Right of Way of National Roads", the following acts are not allowed under these policies:

- Schools setting up barricades along the national highways to include "...buildings, houses, shanties, stores, shops, stalls, sheds, canopies, billboards, signages, advertisements, fences, walls, railings, basketball courts, barangay halls, garbage receptacles, and the like."
- Usurp any portion of a right-of-way, convert any part of any public highway, bridge, wharf, or trail to its own private use or to obstruct the same in any manner.

2. However, to ensure the safety of the learners and personnel specially during peak hours (morning rush, noon breaks, and afternoon class dismissal), the following are advised:

- a. all school personnel shall direct their learners to use the pedestrian lanes and/or overpass at all times,
- b. the School Management shall orient and/or direct their Security Personnel to guide the learners in crossing the roads,
- c. schools may request support from the local officials in marking pedestrian lanes in all entrance and exit ways of the school situated along the national highways, and/or;
- d. request additional assistance from the local officials to help traffic during busy hours.

3. For other school safety measures, refer to the Comprehensive School Safety (CSS) Checklist which may be accessed online or be requested thru the Division DRRM Coordinators.



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Reference/s: LETTER FROM DPWH

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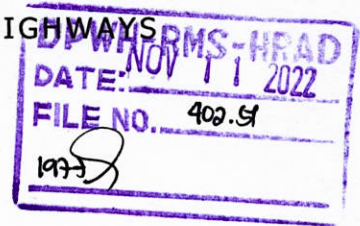
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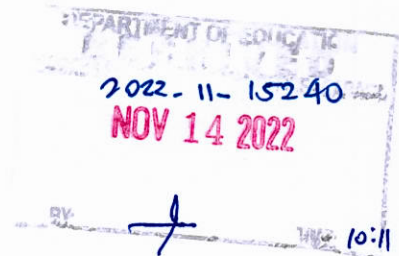
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Dear Regional Director Ledesma:

Greetings!

This has reference to the road barricades that were set up outside the public-school premises along national highway that are considered as hazardous obstructions that interposes danger to the lives of the commuting public.

Pursuant to Section 23 of the Presidential Decree No. 17, s. 1972 as amended, otherwise known as the Revised Philippine Highway Act, it provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to usurp any portion of a right-of-way, to convert any part of any public highway, bridge, wharf or trail to his own private use or to obstruct the same in any manner xxx.

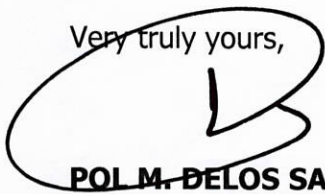
Likewise, according to the Department of Public Works and Highways Department Order No. 73 Series of 2014 with the subject "Prohibited Uses Within the Right-of-Way of National Roads", the then Secretary Rogelio L. Singson ordered all Regional/District Engineering Offices are hereby directed to immediately remove or cause the removal of all obstructions and prohibited uses within the right-of-way (ROW) of all national roads within their respective jurisdictions and henceforth prohibit the presence/occurrence of the following structures, objects and such other similar items and activities along our national roads as well as strictly disallow the building, erection, construction, planting, and fabrication of the same, thus: (1) all kinds of temporary and permanent structures, such as buildings, houses, shanties, stores, shops, stalls, sheds, canopies, billboards, signages, advertisements, fences, walls, railings, basketball courts, barangay halls, garbage receptacles, and the like xxx.

While we recognize your duty to secure the safety of the students who cross the national highway, we cannot turn a blind eye on the fact that the road barricades set up along national highways interposes danger among the commuting public. Verily, **it is advised to educate students on the use of pedestrian lanes or ask assistance from Barangay Officials for assisted crossing.**

In view of the foregoing, being the engineering arm of the government and is responsible for securing the national roads clear from any obstructions, **the undersigned would like to respectfully requests your Office to instruct the schools situated along national highways not to install road barricades along the national highway as it is considered as hazardous obstructions and it interposes danger among the commuting public.**

In the interest of public service, may this request be given prompt and preferential attention.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'P' followed by a horizontal line and a small 'S'.

POL M. DELOS SANTOS, CESO IV
Regional Director

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