



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAVAO ORIENTAL

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
SGOD-2025-244

To : PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS

Subject: **SUBMISSION OF STRUCTURAL SAFETY CERTIFICATION DUE TO THE
MAGNITUDE 7.6 EARTHQUAKE IN DAVAO ORIENTAL**

Date : October 20, 2025

This is in reference to Provincial Executive Order No. 76, titled "*An Act Lifting the Suspension of Face-to-Face Classes in All Levels Across Davao Oriental, Subject to Mandatory Structural Safety Certification and Implementation of Blended Learning for Unsafe School Buildings,*" in relation to the recent Magnitude 7.6 earthquake that occurred in Davao Oriental.

In line with this, all schools are required to submit a copy of their respective structural safety certification at least three (3) days prior to the resumption of face-to-face classes, as mandated by the Provincial Government to ensure a safe learning and working environment. You may upload the certification through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/e936vf68>.

For concerns or further coordination, please contact Division DRRM Coordinator, Mr. Mc Adrian Nouve B. Cobero, at **0961-782-6853** or through his official Messenger account (*Mc Adrian Nouve B. Cobero*).

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 76
Series of 2025

"AN ACT LIFTING THE SUSPENSION OF FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES IN ALL LEVELS ACROSS DAVAO ORIENTAL, SUBJECT TO MANDATORY STRUCTURAL SAFETY CERTIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTING BLENDED LEARNING FOR UNSAFE SCHOOL BUILDINGS".

WHEREAS, the recent earthquake has been a deeply unsettling experience for the entire Province of Davao Oriental, causing understandable fear and disruption to the lives of our students, families, and dedicated educators;

WHEREAS, the immediate, decisive suspension of face-to-face classes was a necessary action taken to prioritize the life and safety of every member of our academic community above all else, and the commitment shown by all stakeholders during this period of uncertainty is recognized;

WHEREAS, as we collectively move forward on the path to recovery and healing, the resumption of learning in familiar school environments is a vital step toward restoring normalcy, stability, and hope for the learners and educators;

WHEREAS, we must ensure that this return is executed with the utmost caution, founded with utmost assurance that the physical structures housing our students are completely sound and secure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG, Governor of the Province of Davao Oriental, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Lifting of Suspension.

The temporary suspension of **face-to-face classes** in all levels in both public and private educational institutions within the Province of Davao Oriental is hereby **LIFTED**, effective 20th day of October 2025.

SECTION 2. Mandatory Safety Certification.

The return to face-to-face classes is strictly conditioned upon a clear, non-negotiable safety requirement:

1. **Mandatory Inspection**- all operational school buildings and essential campus facilities must undergo a meticulous structural assessment.

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2. **Official Certification**- school administrations must secure a **Certificate of Structural Safety and Soundness** officially issued by the Office of the Municipal Engineer having jurisdiction. This document serves as our shared assurance that the facility is certified safe for immediate occupancy.

3. **No Certificate, No Entry**- schools without this official, current certification shall not permit the resumption of in-person classes.

SECTION 3. Protocol for Unsafe Structures.

Schools or portions of schools where buildings are **declared unsafe or structurally compromised** by the Municipal/City Engineer will **not be permitted** to hold face-to-face classes in those specific structures.

These schools or affected parts of schools must strictly observe a **Blended Learning Modality** (or full Distance Learning) until such time that the necessary repairs or structural adjustments are completed and a new Certificate of Structural Safety is issued.

SECTION 4. Submission and Monitoring.

All schools must **submit a copy** of the required Certificate of Structural Safety and Soundness to the Provincial or Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (P/MDRRMO) to the respective Local Government Unit (LGU) or at the Division Office of DepEd **at least three (3) working days** prior to the resumption of face-to-face classes.

The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) local offices, in coordination with the LGUs, are hereby directed to **monitor strict compliance** with this Executive Order.

SECTION 5. Effectivity.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance.

DONE this 20th day of October, 2025, in Mati City, Province of Davao Oriental, Philippines.

NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG

Provincial Governor

