

# EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 45

Series of 2022

# "AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) ON THE OPENING OF SCHOOL YEAR (SY) 2022-2023 AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES IN OCCIDENTAL MINDORO"

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2022, Vice President and DepEd Secretary Sara Z. Duterte issued Department of Education (DepEd) Order No. 034, series of 2022, declaring the opening of School Year 2022-2023 on August 22, 2022 until July 7, 2023. In line with this, all public and private schools shall transition to five (5) days in-person classes starting November 2, 2022;

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2022, the Department of Health (DOH) through a Public Health Advisory informed the public of the benefit of face-to-face schooling which allows children to develop their cognitive and social skills experientially as it promotes physical and mental health and well-being;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular dated August 01, 2022 enjoin Local Government Units (LGUs) and concerned operating arms of DILG to ensure smooth implementation of the *Oplan Balik Eskwela* of the DepEd for the opening of SY 2022-2023;

WHEREAS, DILG issued Memorandum Circular No. 2022-098 entitled "Guidelines for Local Government Units and Others Concerned on the Opening of School Year 2022-2023 and the Commencement of Face-to-Face Classes" dated July 28, 2022;

WHEREAS, in view of the aforementioned, it is imperative to promulgate guidelines for LGUs on the opening of SY 2022-2023 and commencement of face-to-face classes in Occidental Mindoro by adopting the above-mentioned DILG Memorandum Circular;

NOW THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor of the Province of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the promulgation of the GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) ON THE OPENING OF SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES IN OCCIDENTAL MINDORO.

**Section 1. GENERAL GUIDELINES.** The following guidelines for Local Government Units (LGUs) shall govern the opening of SY 2022-2023 and the commencement of Face-to-Face Classes in schools within the Province of Occidental Mindoro:

A. LGUs shall continue to strictly enforce minimum public health standards within their respective areas of jurisdiction, particularly in schools where in-person classes shall be conducted.

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- B. LGUs shall coordinate with their local Philippine National Police (PNP) to ensure the orderly commencement of classes.
- C. LGUs shall coordinate with the DepEd, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and other relevant agencies to conduct building inspections and ensure the quality and structural integrity of school facilities.
- D. LGUs, through their Local School Boards (LSBs), and pursuant to Section 100(c)(1) of the Local Government Code of 1991, are encouraged to utilize the Special Education Fund (SEF) and give priority to the construction, repair, and maintenance of school buildings and other facilities of public elementary and secondary schools. Said works shall ensure that these facilities conform with the standards set by the DOH for the prevention and mitigation of the spread of COVID-19, including in ventilation, physical distancing, provision of sanitation facilities, and other related engineering controls.
- E. LGUs shall ensure that private schools and educational institutions operate with the necessary permits and licenses.
- F. LGUs shall ensure the placement of measures for the prevention of the outbreak of dengue fever.
  - a. This may be done through intensifying the conduct of clean-up drives, and mobilizing volunteer residents, Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs), and Barangay Public Safety Offices (BPSO).
  - b. LGUs shall also conduct information campaigns relative to the frequently asked questions about the infection of dengue fever, its sources and causes, as well as the appropriate preventive measures.
- G. LGUs, through the barangays and their BPSOs, shall ensure proper traffic management and that road networks leading to schools are secure, clean, and free from any obstructions and hindrances which may pose danger to and deter the passage of students.
- H. Higher LGUs are called to supervise, assist, and if necessary, collaborate with their component LGUs. The Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro (PGOM) shall extend assistance to its component municipalities and ensure the latter's adequate preparation for the opening of the SY and resumption of face-to-face classes. Likewise, municipal governments are to convene and assist their respective barangays for the same purpose.
- I. LGUs shall also continue their respective COVID-19 pediatric vaccination campaigns in accordance with existing DOH and DepEd guidelines.

## Section 2. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid for any reason, the parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

## Section 3. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations issued by this province which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

## Section 4. EFFECTIVITY.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 7th day of 2022 at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines.

Governor