



Regional Advisory No. 20, s. 2021  
February 18, 2021

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#### SCHOOL PREPAREDNESS MEASURES FOR TROPICAL STORM "AURING"

At 10:00 AM today, February 18, 2021; the center of Tropical Storm "AURING" was estimated based on all available data at 685 km East Southeast of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur (07.1 °N, 132.4 °E). Maximum sustained winds of 65 km/h near the center and gustiness of up to 80 km/h with the following forecasted locations:

*24 Hour (Tomorrow morning):* 535 km East Southeast of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur  
*48 Hour (Saturday morning):* 315 km East Southeast of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur  
*72 Hour (Sunday morning):* In the vicinity of Surigao City, Surigao del Norte  
*96 Hour (Monday morning):* 85 km North of Cuyo, Palawan  
*120 Hour (Tuesday morning):* 420 km West of Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal #1 may be raised over several provinces of Caraga as early as Friday. TS AURING may intensify into Severe Tropical Storm prior to landfall over Caraga on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Moderate to heavy rains caused by AURING are expected over most parts of Caraga region by Friday until Sunday morning. Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal # 1 over Caraga may be upgraded to signal # 2.

Relative to this, all DepEd Offices and schools must plan and conduct preparedness measures before the landfall. All necessary preparedness activities must be conducted specifically on the safety and security of school personnel and properties. School Heads must coordinate with the LGUs for any announcements to include suspension of onsite work of government offices and other activities conducted in the schools.

Additionally, all Division and School DRRM Teams/Committees must be activated immediately in anticipation of the possible damages due to TS Auring. A Rapid Assessment of Damages Reports 1&2 (RADaR) shall have to be accomplished and expected to be submitted to the Central and Regional Offices five (5) days after.

The Regional DRRM Coordinator shall provide the link to the RADaR via the Google Form to expedite reporting. All Division DRRM Coordinators must be reachable at any time through all available communication platforms.

For immediate dissemination.

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