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February 13, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 233 s. 2026

CYBERSECURITY ADVISORY: New "Authentication Update" Phishing Campaign

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
SDO Chiefs, Unit Heads & Staff
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Teaching & Non-Teaching Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education - Computer Emergency Response Team (**DepEd CERT**) has identified a new phishing campaign currently targeting DepEd personnel. Please refer to the attached screenshot for a visual reference of this fraudulent email. Unlike previous banking-themed scams, this campaign mimics an internal administrative notice. This specific campaign uses an **"Account Deactivation"** lure. The email claims that for the 2025–2026 academic year, the system is "evolving" to provide more secure access to portals and online courses. It pressures the user to click an **"Update My Authentication"** link immediately upon receipt to avoid a "temporary suspension" of services.
2. If you encounter or receive the same email, kindly observe the following steps:
 - **DISSEMINATE THE IMAGE**
Share the attached screenshot with all personnel within your unit or school to help them recognize the appearance, format, and tone of this specific phishing attempt.
 - **REINFORCE REPORTING**
Encourage all staff to use the **"Report Phishing"** button in their DepEd email client rather than simply deleting the message. This enables DepEd CERT to track, block, and take action against malicious domains and senders.
 - **VERIFY VIA OFFICIAL CHANNELS**
Remind personnel that any official notices concerning account maintenance, deactivation, or authentication updates will only be issued through formal DepEd ICT channels. DepEd will *never* request updates through suspicious external links.
3. To further ensure the continued security and safety of all DepEd-issued email accounts, all personnel are instructed to review and strictly adhere to the security protocols and reporting procedures outlined in **Division Memorandum No. 1058, s. 2025**, dated **October 22, 2026**, titled: **"Strengthening Security Measures for Digital Systems and Reporting of Compromised DepEd Email Accounts."**
4. Please give this matter your immediate attention and disseminate the information widely to mitigate the risk of credential compromise within our Division.
5. For any concerns, please coordinate with the DepEd CERT emergency response team email: peter.quintao@deped.gov.ph or ICT Unit through Teams app or email us at ictunit.ctd@deped.gov.ph.

For information, guidance, and strict compliance.

By Authority of the OIC-Schools Division Superintendent:

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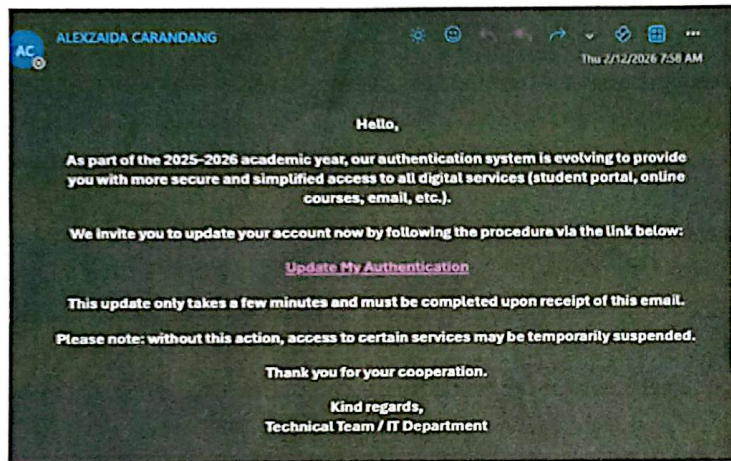
Good day, Regional and Division IT Officers,

The Department of Education - Computer Emergency Response Team (**DepEd CERT**) has identified a new phishing campaign currently targeting DepEd per administrative notice.

This specific campaign uses an "Account Deactivation" lure. The email claims that for the 2025–2026 academic year, the system is "evolving" to provide m suspension" of services.

Immediate Actions for Field Offices:

- **DISSEMINATE THE IMAGE:** Share the attached screenshot with all personnel so they can recognize the layout and tone of this specific scam.
- **REINFORCE REPORTING:** Remind staff to use the "Report Phishing" button in their email client rather than simply deleting the email. This allows u
- **VERIFY VIA OFFICIAL CHANNELS:** Personnel should be informed that any official account maintenance or deactivation notices will only come throu

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Hello,

As part of the 2025–2026 academic year, our authentication system is evolving to provide you with more secure and simplified access to all digital services (student portal, online courses, email, etc.).

We invite you to update your account now by following the procedure via the link below:

[Update My Authentication](#)

This update only takes a few minutes and must be completed upon receipt of this email.

Please note: without this action, access to certain services may be temporarily suspended.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards,
Technical Team / IT Department



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October 22, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 1008 s. 2025

STRENGTHENING SECURITY MEASURES FOR DIGITAL SYSTEMS AND REPORTING OF COMPROMISED DEPED E-MAIL ACCOUNTS

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
 Chief Education Program Supervisor – CID and SGOD
 Section Unit Heads
 Education Program Supervisors
 Public School District Supervisors
 Elementary and Secondary School Heads
 District and School ICT Coordinators
 All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Central Office Memorandum OASICT-MEM-101425-T3-1 dated October 14, 2025 titled “*Strengthening Security Measures for Digital Systems*”, this office enjoins all teaching and non-teaching personnel to strictly adhere to the prescribed security protocols to safeguard the Department’s digital systems and accounts.

2. The following security measures must be observed by all DepEd personnel as stipulated in the said memo:

A. Report Compromised Accounts Immediately

DepEd email accounts must be used **ONLY** for official purposes. All DepEd personnel are reminded to maintain confidentiality of their official DepEd email credentials and refrain from sharing passwords or granting unauthorized access. In case of any suspected or confirmed compromise of an official DepEd email accounts, report immediately through a letter (provide complete details, including the compromises account, date and time of incident and any suspicious activity observed) in coordination with their designated school ICT coordinators to the SDO ICT unit Office and send to this email: ictunit.ctd@deped.gov.ph ;

B. Use Strong and Unique Passwords

Ensure that passwords used for DepEd accounts and systems are strong, unique, and changed regularly. Avoid using personal information or common words.

C. Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Where available, MFA must be activated to add an extra layer of protection to accounts.



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D. Be Vigilant Against Phishing and Malware

Do not click on suspicious links or download attachments from unknown sources. Report any suspicious emails to the ICT Unit.

E. Attend Security Awareness Sessions

Participate in security awareness initiatives to be conducted by the Division and Region.


F. Limit Access to Sensitive Systems

Access to systems containing sensitive data must be restricted to authorized personnel only. Sharing of login credentials is strictly prohibited.

3. These measures are part of our collective responsibility to safeguard the integrity of DepEd's digital infrastructure. Your cooperation is essential in maintaining a secure and resilient digital environment.

4. For queries, feel free to visit the ICT Unit Office or email at ictunit.ctd@deped.gov.ph or contact us through the appropriate channels in the Microsoft Teams app.

5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is earnestly desired.


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