

PRESS RELEASE**Statement on the passing of one of the victims of the vehicular accident in Negros Oriental**

PASIG CITY, March 21, 2019 – The Department of Education (DepEd) expresses its sincerest condolences to the bereaved family of Justine Generoso, a Grade 11 learner of Basay National High School, who passed away on March 20 at the Silliman University Medical Center Intensive Care Unit (SUMC-ICU) in Dumaguete City.

Generoso was one of the 11 victims involved in a vehicular mishap on March 1, 2019 in Zamboanguita, Negros Oriental. They were on their way home from a regional Mathematics contest in Cebu City when their public utility van collided with an oncoming truck. Five of his teammates died instantly in the tragic incident.

Medical report shows that Generoso suffered from blunt chest trauma, multiple rib fractures, acute tubular necrosis, and subcutaneous emphysema, and was under intensive care since his admission.

The Department continues to call for donations for the bereaved families, as well as for the five other patients—all belonging to low-income households—who need continued medication, physical rehabilitation, surgery, and psycho-social intervention, among many others.

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