

Republic of the Philippines Department of Education CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS 28 Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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TO

Schools Division Superintendent,

Chairpersons of School's Child Protection Committee (CPC)

From

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Director IV

SUBJECT

Requiring the School's CPC to Take Measures to Protect the

Students/Pupils from Involvement in Fraternities, Sororities,

Gangs, and Similar Organizations.

- 1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 otherwise known as "DepEd Child Protection Policy", the duly constituted Child Protection Committee (CPC) has the following functions:
 - A. Draft a school child protection policy/Student Code of Conduct.
 - B. Dissemination of programs and organize activities.
 - C. Develop and Implement a school-based referral and monitoring system.
 - D. Establish a system for identifying students who may be suffering from abuse.
 - E. Identify, refer and report cases involving child abuse etc.
 - F. Give assistance to parents or guardians.
 - G. Coordinate with WCP desk of PNP, LSWD or NGO.
 - H. Monitor the implementation of measures in providing support for the child.
 - I. Ensures that the children's right to be heard is respected.
- 2. To strengthen the implementation of the child protection policy and in view of recent incidences of gang/fraternity-related violence involving high school students, it is necessary to take more active role to prevent, prohibit and monitor involvement of students/pupils in fraternities, sororities, gangs, and similar organizations.
- 3. The School's CPC shall emphasize or include in the students code of conduct a policy or provision prohibiting involvement in fraternities, sororities, gangs and other similar organizations. All CPCs are further instructed to immediately

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inform the parents and coordinate with the authorities such as the Women and Children Protection Desk of PNP, Local Social Welfare Development Office or Non-Government Organization in order to monitor and control the proliferation of such organizations in their schools, and to seek necessary assistance for the students victimized by these organizations.

The Division Offices shall monitor compliance of the schools and validate from schools the reported cases of gang/fraternity-related violence and illegal activities which will be included in the report of cases of child abuse, sexual abuse and bullying and submit consolidated report/update to the Regional Office on or before the end of every school year.

For your information and compliance.

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References:

Unnumbered R.M. dated August 7, 2013 D.O. 40, S. 2012 D.O. 07, s. 2006

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