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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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REITERATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPED'S ANTI-BULLYING POLICY AND DISSEMINATION OF BULLYING PREVENTION IEC MATERIALS IN SCHOOLS

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
 Chief Education Supervisors (CID & SGOD)
 Public Schools District Supervisors
 Coordinating Principals/District In-charge
 Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
 All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the Memorandum OM-OUOPS-2026-13-1137, titled "*Urgent Reiteration of the Implementation of the DepEd's Anti-Bullying Policy and Dissemination of Bullying Prevention IEC Materials in Schools*," this Office reiterates the following DepEd initiatives in support of the Department's zero-tolerance policy against all forms of abuse, violence, and bullying, and in strengthening the implementation of DepEd's policy on child protection and bullying prevention:

- a. Enhanced Localized Anti-Bullying Policy;
- b. Posting of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Material;
- c. Reminders During Flag Raising Ceremonies and Daily Announcements;
- d. Installation of CCTV in the School's Common Areas;
- e. Implementation of Random Bag Inspection to Deter the Bringing of Potential Weapons or Contraband; and
- f. Accessibility of the Learners' TeleSafe Contact Center Helpline and the Establishment of the Regional Learners' TeleSafe Helpline.

2. This Office requests all concerned schools and personnel to extend the necessary technical assistance, coordination, and administrative support to ensure the effective and sustained implementation of these measures.



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3. Attached is a copy of the Memorandum OM-OUOPS-2026-13-1137 for reference.

4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are hereby directed.


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Schools Division Superintendent

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MEMORANDUM

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TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
SCHOOL HEADS
REGIONAL/DIVISION LRP FOCAL PERSONNEL
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : URGENT REITERATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPED'S ANTI-BULLYING POLICY AND DISSEMINATION OF BULLYING PREVENTION IEC MATERIALS IN SCHOOLS

DATE : March 19, 2026

In line with the Department of Education's (DepEd) zero tolerance policy against all forms of abuse, violence, and bullying¹, in schools and DepEd's policy against bullying, this Memorandum is issued in response to reported incidents of bullying and violence in schools.

This initiative aligns with DepEd's strong commitment to respecting, protecting, fulfilling, and promoting the rights of learners, emphasizing DepEd's role as a duty-bearer under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Accordingly, as stated in Section 4, Rule III of DO No. 55, s. 2013, all schools are required to implement policies to address bullying, *to wit:*

Section 4. Adoption of Anti-Bullying Policies

All public and private kindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools shall adopt policies to address the existence of bullying in their respective institutions. Such policies shall be regularly updated and, at a minimum, shall include provisions on prohibited acts, prevention and intervention programs, mechanisms, and procedures.

To ensure the operationalization of the aforementioned provision, the following areas of implementation are sought to be addressed:

¹ DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012.



By virtue of DepEd Order No. 3, s. 2021, which established the Child Protection Unit and the Child Rights and Education Desk, later merged into the Learner Rights and Protection Division (LRPD), all reports related to the implementation of learner rights and protection must be submitted to the LRPD.

Further, the school's Child Protection Committee (CPC)³, shall convene as the Anti-Bullying Committee. The CPCs are reminded to organize and convene to guarantee that the members are fully aware of their functions. As guidance, an advisory on the use of the functionality tool shall be issued separately.

2. Posting of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Material and Incorporating Anti-Bullying Reminders During Flag Raising Ceremonies and Daily Announcements

To intensify our efforts to address the issue of bullying and violence in schools, the following information, education, and communication (IEC) materials are to be disseminated at the school level. The IEC materials may be accessed at this link:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAGrz83I5uQ/qxTAgNFDHdXfYPRXWEA/wg/edit?utm_content=DAGrz83I5uQ&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton

or
<https://tinyurl.com/BullyingPreventionIEC2025>

These IEC materials provide reminders to our learners of their right to be protected from bullying and violence in school, as well as their overarching duty and responsibilities to advocate for their peers' rights by becoming upstanders – learners who stand firm against bullying and bullies and advocates. The IEC material depicts the importance of balancing learners' rights with their responsibilities, reinforcing their important role in creating a safe learning environment. DepEd's core values of becoming *Maka-Diyos*, *Makatao*, *Makakalikasan*, *at Makabansa* are incorporated in the material. Moreover, schools are not precluded from designing their own IEC Materials, provided that the messaging aligns with DepEd's mandates and includes the DepEd LRPD-LTCCH's contact number and/or Regional Helpline numbers. Region and Division Offices and Schools may download the materials to include their localized reporting numbers.

Funding for printing the proposed IEC materials may come from Regional Funds or the school's maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), as applicable. Additionally, to support our advocacy, the LRPD and the Bureau of Learner Support Services (BLSS) have allocated Program Support Funds (PSF) for the Learner Rights and Protection (LRP) on Wheels and the *Bullying Prevention Caravan Reinforcing Kindness and Empathy*. The guidelines for using these PSF are outlined in Office Memorandum No. OUOPS-2025-07-02351 titled, "Implementing Guidelines on the Allocation, Utilization, Documentation, and Reporting of Program Support Funds (PSF) for the Field Implementation of the Learner Support Programs for Financial Year (FY) 2025."

³ Section 10, DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 or DepEd Child Protection Policy

The aforementioned DepEd initiatives are designed to foster a safer learning environment, consistent with DepEd's 5-Point Reform Agenda, which emphasizes creating an enabling learning environment and promoting the overall well-being of learners.

For strict compliance.

Thank you very much.

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