

Republic of the Philippines Department of Education

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Office of the Regional Director

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL SCHOOLS DI

ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

PARTNER AGENCIES/STAKEHOLDERS

ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : WILFREDO E. CABRAL

Regional Director,

SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO CRAFT

THE GUIDELINES ON EXPRESS SYSTEM OF REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND BULLYING INCIDENTS IN DEPED CALABARZON, ITS COMPOSITION, AND WORKING

SCHEDULE.

DATE: February 1, 2021

- Pursuant to Article XV, Section 3(2) of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State shall defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development.
- Republic Act No. 91551 declares that the Department of Education is vested with authority, accountability and responsibility of ensuring relevant and responsive basic education services operating within the bounds of pertinent laws and regulations.
- The Department of Education recognizes the increase of Child Abuse and Bullying Incidents as a result of difficult situations faced by teachers and other officials including learners within and outside the school.
- 4. Item V, Section 16(A) of DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012² provides that:

"EXCELLENCE is a CULTURE and QUALITY is a COMMITMENT"

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¹ An Act instituting a frame work of governance for basic education, establishing authority and accountability, renaming the Department of Education, Culture and Sports as the Department of Education, and for other purposes.

² DepEd Child Protection Policy

- A. The School Head or the Schools Division Superintendent, upon receipt of the complaint, shall forward the same, within forty-eight (48) hours, to the Disciplining Authority, who shall then issue an Order for the conduct of a fact-finding investigation, not later than seventy-two (72) hours from submission. These periods shall be strictly observed, except when justified by circumstances beyond their control.
- 5. Rule VI, Section 8.4(J) of DepEd Order No. 55, s. 2013³ provides that:
 - J. Accomplish the Intake Sheet xxx whenever there is an incident of bullying, maintain a record of all proceedings related to bullying, and submit reports xxx to the Division Office.
- 6. In compliance thereto, DepEd Region IV-A CALABARZON, as duty-bearer, in collaboration with its partners and stakeholders, exerts every effort to uphold the fundamental rights of children in basic education and ensures that the schools are safe places for education.
- 7. Consistent with Republic Act No. 110324, DepEd Region IV-A CALABARZON aims to streamline the current reporting systems and procedures relating to Child Protection. Thus, a systematic reporting of Child Abuse and Bullying Incidents is indispensable in the efficient and effective implementation of DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012, DepEd Order No. 55, s. 2013 and other related DepEd Orders as it opens a platform for the prevention, early detection, immediate investigation, proper case management, and speedy resolution of Child Abuse and Bullying Incidents in DepEd CALABARZON taking into account the "Best Interests of Batang CALABARZON" as a primary and paramount consideration.
- 8. In view thereof, there is a need to constitute the Technical Working Group (TWG) that will craft the Guidelines on Express System of Reporting of Child Abuse and Bullying Incidents in DepEd CALABARZON.
- Attached hereto are: (a) List of members of the TWG (Annex "A") that will craft
 the Guidelines on Express System of Reporting of Child Abuse and Bullying
 Incidents in DepEd CALABARZON; and (b) Schedule of Activities (Annex "B").
- 10. All TWG members are required to submit their respective official gmail addresses to the Legal Unit of this Office so as to be able to gain access to the working draft. Submission is on or before February 12, 2021.

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³³ Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 10627 otherwise known as the Anti-Bullying Act of 2013.

⁴ Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018.

- 11. For further inquiries and clarifications, feel free to contact the Legal Unit through Kelvin P. Matib @ 682-1054 loc. 412, kelvin.matib@deped.gov.ph or legal.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph.
- 12. For compliance and information of all.



ANNEX "A"

CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS OF THE TWG Guidelines on Express System of Reporting of Child Abuse and Bullying Incidents in DepEd CALABARZON

CHAIRPERSON:

WILFREDO E. CABRAL, Regional Director

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ANNEX "B"

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Date	Activities
February 16, 2021	Background and objectives of the activity
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Online via Google Meet/Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Regional Office IV-A	Policy enrichment and strategic direction on Child Protection
	 Workshop 1: Policy Development Process Review existing applicable laws, DepEd Orders and issuances Identification and discussion of policy gaps, issues, problem areas, opportunities, trends, goals, and other concerns
February 23, 2021	Presentation of Workshop 1 outputs
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Online via Google Meet/Bulwagan ng	Discussion of Workshop 1 outputs
Karunungan, DepEd Regional Office IV-A	Consolidation of Workshop 1outputs
March 2, 2021	Presentation of consolidated Workshop 1 outputs
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Online via Google Meet/Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Regional Office IV-A	 Workshop 2: Implementation of roles and responsibilities Policy analysis
March 9, 2021 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Discussion and consolidation of Workshop 2 outputs
Online via Google Meet/Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Regional Office IV-A	Writeshop/Crafting of the initial draft Guidelines
March 16, 2021	Identification of anticipated challenges and effective strategies
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Online via Google Meet/Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Regional Office IV-A	Review of the draft Guidelines
	Validation of the draft Guidelines
March 23, 2021 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Online via Google Meet/Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Regional Office IV-A	Finalization of the draft Guidelines
March 30, 2021 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Regional Office IV-A	Signing of the final Guidelines