



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BULACAN

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

NO. 094, s. 2024

**REITERATION ON THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE CHILD PROTECTION
COMMITTEE IN SCHOOLS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Relative to DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012, otherwise known as the DepEd Child Protection Policy, this Office reiterates the functionality of the Child Protection Committee (CPC) in schools. Hence, all public and private elementary and secondary schools shall establish a Child Protection Committee which aims to protect the learners from any act of child abuse, exploitation, violence, discrimination, bullying and other forms of abuse.
2. The functions of the School Child Protection Committee are stated in the same DepEd Order, Section 10 (B), viz:
 - 2.1. Draft a school child protection policy with a code of conduct and a plan to ensure child protection and safety, which shall be reviewed every (3) years;
 - 2.2. Initiate information dissemination programs and organize activities for the protection of children from abuse, exploitation, violence, discrimination and bullying or peer abuse;
 - 2.3. Develop and implement a school-based referral and monitoring system;
 - 2.4. Establish a system for identifying students who may be suffering from significant harm based on any physical, emotional or behavioral signs;
 - 2.5. Identify, refer and, if appropriate, report to the appropriate office cases involving child abuse, exploitation, violence, discrimination and bullying;
 - 2.6. Give assistance to parents or guardians, whenever necessary in securing expert guidance counseling from the appropriate offices or institutions;
 - 2.7. Coordinate closely with the Women and Child Protection Desks of the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Local Social Welfare and Development Office (LSWDO), other government agencies, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as may be appropriate;
 - 2.8. Monitor the implementation of positive measures and effective procedures in providing the necessary support for the child and for those who care for the child; and
 - 2.9. Ensure that the children's right to be heard are respected and upheld in all matters and procedures affecting their welfare.



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3. Enclosed is the Regional Memorandum No. 89, s. 2024, School Visit on the Functionality of the Child Protection Committee in Schools, containing the CPC Functionality Tool for reference. The Child Protection Committee in Schools shall be assessed using the said tool on the following areas: (1) Organization and Coordination; (2) Policies and Guidelines; (3) Capacities and resources; and (4) Accountability and Performance.
4. In addition, the School Heads and the Guidance Counselors/Designate, shall accomplish the monitoring and evaluation report and upload in the link on or before March 8, 2024. <http://tinyurl.com/ChildProtection-Reports>.
5. Expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the said activity shall be charged against the local funds subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.


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Encl.: As stated

References:

DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012

Regional Memorandum No. 89, s. 2024

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