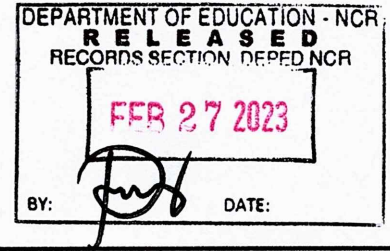




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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**TO : SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : WILFREDO E. CABRAL, CESO III
Regional Director

**SUBJECT : OMNIBUS MEMORANDUM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE
DEPED ORDER NO. 40, S. 2012 OR THE DEPED CHILD
PROTECTION POLICY**

DATE : February 23, 2023

1. In reference to the attached Memorandum OUOPS No. 2023-07-1656, dated February 20, 2023, from **Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo**, Undersecretary for Operations and Supervising Executive Committee Member of the Learner Rights and Protection Office, the field is hereby informed of the scheduled activities relative to Learner Rights and Protection (LRP).
2. Attention is invited to Annex A of the said Memorandum for the list of focal persons in the Region and selected SDOs for the enhancement of DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012, or the "DepEd Child Protection Policy".
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



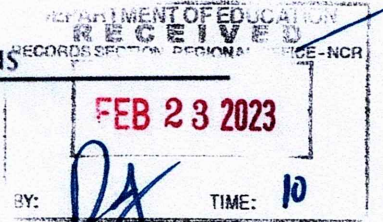
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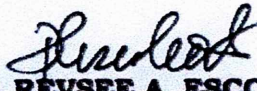
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OUOPS No. 2023-07-1656

MEMORANDUM

FOR : Undersecretaries
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Bureau and Service Directors
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Schools Division Superintendents
Regional Learner Rights and Protection Focal Persons
Schools Division Office Learner Rights and Protection Focal Persons
All Others Concerned

FROM : 
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations
Supervising Executive Committee Member of the Learner Rights and Protection Office

SUBJECT : **Omnibus Memorandum for the Enhancement of the DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 or the "DepEd Child Protection Policy"**

DATE : February 20, 2023

This has reference to the initiative of the Learner Rights and Protection Office (LRPO) to enhance the DepEd Order (DO) No. 40, s. 2012, otherwise known as the "DepEd Child Protection Policy."

One of the functions of the Learner Rights and Protection Office (LRPO) under DO No. 3, s. 2021 is to "formulate policies concerning all matters pertaining to the right of the child in basic education to protection from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, and maltreatment." As a result of consultations conducted to revisit DO No. 40, s. 2012, and considering that it has reached ten years since its enactment, DepEd LRPO, its partner offices within the Department, as well as other stakeholders like the learners, parents, National Government Agencies, Non-Government and Civil Society Organizations, deems it imperative to enhance the Child Protection Policy.

Further, like other aging guidelines, the Child Protection Policy has to incorporate new laws such as Republic Act (RA) No. 11313, or the "Safe Spaces Act", RA No. 11862, or the "Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act", and RA No. 11930, or the

Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) Act.

In support to the Vice President and Secretary's *MATATAG* Flagship Program, particularly the third component- *Take good care of learners by promoting learner well-being, inclusive education, and a positive learning environment*, the enhancement of the Child Protection Policy aims to strengthen and capacitate schools to be *Positive and Safe Spaces Learning Environment* through standardizing learner protection policies of the Department, and by conducting consultation conferences with stakeholders, especially learners, through their active participation.

For the foregoing purposes, the concerned offices and personnel are enjoined to take note of the following information and activities:

	Activities	Expected Output	Tentative Dates
1	1 st Technical Working Group Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created Thematic Groups 	February 24, 2023
2	Writeshop on the Enhancement of the Child Protection Policy (1 st round)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trained personnel on how to conduct consultations for policy formulation Formulated consultation forms and questions List of identified critical areas to enhance Draft 1 of the Enhanced Child Protection Policy 	March 27 to 30, 2023
3	Downloading of Program Support Funds (PSF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downloaded Program Support Funds for the conduct of local consultations 	March 20-24, 2023
4	Implementation of PSF for the Consultation Conferences with Learners, Teachers, Parents, and Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted consultations with teachers, parents, learners, and community leaders Downloaded Program Support Funds for the conduct of local consultations Consultation Reports from ROs and SDOs 	Whole month of April
5	Writeshop on the Safe Spaces Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft 1 of DepEd Guidelines on the Implementation of RA No. 11313 or the Safe Spaces Act 	April 17-20, 2023
6	Culminating Activity for the Conduct of Local Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified critical areas to be enhanced 	May 16-18, 2023
7	Finalization Writeshop on the Enhancement of the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised policy based on the comments and suggestions of stakeholders 	June 13-16, 2023