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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
 ORD-2023-420

TO : **DR. CARLEEN S. SEDILLA**
 Schools Division Superintendent
 Quezon City
 All Others Concerned

FROM : **WILFREDO E. CABRAL, CESO III**
 Regional Director

SUBJECT : **REQUESTING FOR A VIRTUAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE VERACITY OF THE CONCERNS, ACTIONS TAKEN AND INTERVENTION PLANS RELATIVE TO THE ALLEGED SEXUAL ABUSE COMMITTED AGAINST A LEARNER BY A LEARNER AT CLARET SCHOOL, QUEZON CITY**

DATE : May 25, 2023

1. Attached is Unnumbered Memorandum, dated May 24, 2023, from **Atty. Suzette T. Gannaban-Medina**, Officer-in-Charge, Director III, Learner Rights and Protection Office, Department of Education, contents of which are self-explanatory for appropriate action.
2. Particular attention is invited to paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the said Memorandum for reference.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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LEARNER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

LTCCH 2023 _____

TO : **DR. WILFREDO E. CABRAL**
Regional Director
DepEd National Capital Region

FROM : **ATTY. SUZETTE T. GANNABAN-MEDINA**
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Learner Rights and Protection Office

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DATE : May 22, 2023

This has reference to the attached complaint received by the Learner Rights and Protection Office – Learners TeleSafe Contact Center Helpline (LRPO-LTCCH), relative to the alleged incident of sexual abuse committed against a learner by a learner at Claret School, Quezon City.

The complaint involves an allegation of sexual assault committed against a learner by his classmate. The alleged incident occurred twice in the following avenue:

- When the victim-learner was in the bathroom, he felt a thrusting on his butt.
- During class picture-taking, one of his classmates grabbed his private part for about 2-3 seconds.

Under Section N of DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012¹, “other acts of abuse by a pupil, student, or learner” refers to the other serious acts of abuse committed by a pupil, student, or learner upon another pupil, student, or learner of the same school, not failing under the definition of “bullying” in the preceding provisions, including but not limited to acts of physical, sexual, or psychological nature.”

¹ Section N of DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012, “*DepEd Child Protection Policy*,” May 14, 2012

There is also a possibility that the learners involved might be identified as Child-At-Risk. Under Section 3D of DepEd Order 18, s. 2015², “Child-At-Risk” or CAR refers to a child who is vulnerable to and at risk of behaving in a way that can harm himself, herself, or others, or vulnerable and at risk of being pushed and exploited to come into conflict with the law because of personal, family, and social circumstances...”

In view thereof, this Office would like to meet virtually with the Regional and Schools Division Learner Rights and Protection focal persons, the Schools, the Guidance Counselor, and other CPC members of Claret School to discuss the veracity of the matter, actions taken, and the intervention plans in place to assist the victim learner and the learners involved. The meeting details are as follows:

Name: LRPO Meeting with Claret School

Time: May 26, 2023 at 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Meeting Link: <https://tinyurl.com/NCR-VirtualMeeting>

Enclosed is a copy of the complaint for reference.

For the Undersecretary’s review and approval.

Thank you.

Copy furnished:

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² Section 3D of DepEd Order No. 18, s. 2015, “*DepEd Guidelines and Procedures on the Management of Children-At-Risk (CAR) and Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL)*,” May 18, 2015.