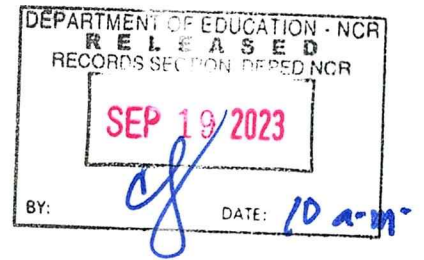





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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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TO : **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**
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SDO Manila
SDO Pasay City
SDO Pasig City
SDO Parañaque City

FROM : 
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Regional Director

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE CULMINATING ACTIVITY AND FINAL WRITESHOP ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF DEPED ORDER NO. 40, S. 2012 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CHILD PROTECTION POLICY"**

DATE : **September 15, 2023**

1. This is relative to the attached Memorandum from **ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**, Undersecretary for Operations, Department of Education dated September 8, 2023, RE: Invitation to the Culminating Activity and Final Write shop on the Enhancement of DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 otherwise known as the "Child Protection Policy".
2. Enclosed in the Memorandum is the list of highly requested participants from the Regional Office and selected Schools Division Offices.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

Thank you very much.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : **Regional Directors**
Selected Schools Division Superintendents
Selected Regional Learner Rights and Protection Focal Persons
Selected Schools Division Office Learner Rights and Protection Focal Persons
Regional Office Contract of Service Personnel for Learner Rights and Protection
All Others Concerned

FROM : **ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **Invitation to the Culminating Activity and Final Writeshop on the Enhancement of DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 otherwise known as the "Child Protection Policy"**

DATE : September 8, 2023

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

Consistent with its function 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",¹ 32 selected Schools Division Offices representing all the 16 Regions conducted their consultation conferences with the members of the Child Protection Committees in schools to enhance the Child Protection Policy.

As the final stretch of consultation with the Field Offices, the LRPO will conduct the "Culminating Activity and Final Writeshop for the Enhancement of DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012, otherwise known as the Child Protection Policy" on **October 2-7, 2023** in **Ecotech Center, Cebu City**.

Summary of Activity

This Activity will serve as an **exit conference** and a **writing workshop** relative to the enhancement of the Child Protection Policy. In the first part of the activity, the representatives from the Regional Offices and the 32 implementing Schools Division Offices will report on the data they gathered. The 32 implementing SDOs will also deliver the testimonies of the stakeholders who participated in the local consultation conferences.

¹ DepEd Order (D.O.) No. 3, s. 2021.

For the second part of the activity, the representatives of the Regional and Schools Division Offices shall finalize the Draft 1 of the Enhanced Policy according to their Thematic Group, which are as follows:

- **Thematic Group 1: General Matters**
Cover Policy; Objectives; Rationale; Purpose; Functions; and General Proofreading.
- **Thematic Group 2: Legal and Investigation Matters**
Definition of Terms; Prohibited Acts; Sanctions; Intake Sheet; Commencement of Action for Learner Protection Incidents; Protocol on Legal Case Management; Repealing Clause; Legal Review; and Checking of Legal Citations.
- **Thematic Group 3: Special Learner Protection Issues**
Child-At-Risk and Children in Conflict with the Law; Substance abuse; Children in Street Situations; Recruitment in extremism; Child Labor; Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children and Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Material; Learner Online Protection; Protection of Indigenous Peoples; and Learners with Disabilities; Learner Protection in Sports; Learner Protection in Boarding Schools; Private Schools and Philippine Schools Abroad; Child Marriage²; Teenage Pregnancy; and Off-campus activities.
- **Thematic Group 4: Preventive and Responsive Mechanisms**
Capacity Building and Orientation; Curriculum Integration; Referral and Reporting Mechanism; Learners TeleSafe Contact Center Helpline; Protocols on Handling Learner Protection Cases (non-legal); and Positive Discipline.
- **Thematic Group 5: Implementation under Different Governance Levels and Child Protection Committee Functionality**
Composition and roles of Child Protection Committees; Development of local learner protection policies and code of conduct; and minimum standards for localized Child Protection Policies

Invited Participants

The following personnel from the Regional and Schools Division Offices are **highly requested** to participate in this activity to ensure continuity of efforts:

- **From the Regional Offices**
 1. Jose Ritchie Perez
 2. Ryan Pacquing
 3. Ginno Jhep Pacquing
 4. Michael Girard Alba
 5. Liza Marie Dillena or Hazel Quevedo (RO-COS)
 6. Maria Cristina Baroso or Dianne Rubios (RO-COS)
 7. Frances Jade Caniban
 8. Tomas Pastor or Ida Cabantan
 9. Eden Dadap
 10. Rowena Balsamo
 11. Myron Gil Talosig or Ricardo Dragon, Jr.
 12. Stephen Mark Castres
 13. Ismael Ngitngit, Jr.

² R.A. No. 11596- An Act Prohibiting the Practice of Child Marriage and Imposing Penalties for Violations Thereof.

14. Ellen Grace Evangelio
15. Leonila Mustapha
16. Mayclaire Jimenez
17. Amante Ofiana, Jr. (RO-COS)
18. Rio Anne Velasco (RO-COS)
19. Rochelle May Nisola (RO-COS)
20. Jennie Rose Jacela (RO-COS)
21. Hannah Rose Cuaderno (RO-COS)
22. Wincy Mae Alaba (RO-COS)
23. Rei Marie Amansec (RO-COS)
24. Joel Fernandez (RO-COS)
25. Julianne Pamatian (RO-COS)
26. Clouie Guay (RO-COS)

- From the Schools Division Offices

1. Mark Gerry Oblanca (SDO Pangasinan I)
2. Edelito Chan (SDO La Union)
3. Atty. Ronalyn Barawid (SDO Quirino)
4. Airene Dayrit (SDO San Fernando City)
5. Sherry Anne Palasigue (SDO Nueva Ecija)
6. Hermie Duran (SDO Bataan)
7. Paula Meneses (SDO Pampanga)
8. Rosemarie Gonzales (SDO Batangas)
9. Leah Perez (SDO Quezon)
10. Florentina Rancap (SDO Laguna)
11. Grace Estefano (SDO Palawan)
12. Jestoni Balog (SDO Romblon)
13. Ireno Dicen (SDO Sorsogon City)
14. Edna Azcarraga (SDO Capiz City)
15. Verna Saldo (SDO Bayawan City)
16. Gye Lynne Godio (SDO Catbalogan City)
17. Nora Dela Pena-Albiso (SDO Zamboanga Sibugay)
18. Ronnel Jun Estiva (SDO Bukidnon)
19. Rosalio Arangco (SDO Malaybalay City)
20. Arlene Via (SDO Ozamis City)
21. Cynthia Yanez (SDO Cagayan De Oro)
22. Febby Kirstin Ibita (SDO Tagum City)
23. Jonas Piore (SDO Davao City)
24. Rogelio De Juan, Jr. (SDO South Cotabato)
25. Lovely Sheena Soro (SDO Surigao del Norte)
26. Ma. Mitchie Malazarte (SDO Cabadbaran City)
27. Elizabeth Nunez (SDO Manila)
28. Joshua Kenneth Lazaro (SDO Caloocan)
29. Bernardita Perez (SDO Pasay)
30. Salome Ingua (SDO Makati)
31. Rose Ann Pamintuan (SDO Pasig)
32. Ofelia Padlan (SDO Baguio City)

Expected Deliverables of Participants

- Regional Office Focal Persons are expected to prepare a presentation containing the results of the consultation conferences conducted by the implementing Schools Division Offices.
- Schools Division Office Focal Persons are expected to prepare a detailed report containing the results of the consultation conferences.
- Regional and Schools Division Office Focal Persons shall also provide comments on the draft policy.

Travel and Accommodation Details

- **Covered dates:** The activity proper will be on October 2-6, 2023. However, participants coming from far Regional and Schools Division Offices shall have a travel authority covering October 2-7, 2023 to give them ample time for travel. Participants may stay in the venue until October 7, 2023 only.
- **Venue:** Ecotech Center, Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City
- **Travel Expenses:** Travel expenses of the participants shall be charged to their local funds. A subsequent issuance shall be provided if there are available funds from the LRPO.

Confirmation of Participants

The invited participants are requested to register on or before September 22, 2023 through this link: <https://tinurl.com/PreReg-CulminatingDO40>

Writeshop Materials

The LRPO will provide basic writeshop materials (pen, papers, metacards, markers). However, the participants shall bring their own laptops and extension cords. In order to save paper, participants are also encouraged to download the main learner protection policies of the Department, which may be downloaded from this link: <https://tinurl.com/CPPolicyTWGxFolder>.

Indicative Program

Session Topic/ Activity	Session Objective	Timeline/ Duration	Method	Resources Needed	Responsible Person/ Office	Output
Day 1: October 2, 2023 (Monday)						
Set up of Venue and Opening of Registration		1:00PM-3:00PM	n/a	n/a	LRPO	n/a
Opening Program	Orient the participants on the expected activities and outputs from them	3:00PM-4:30PM	Plenary	Program Presentation	LRPO (Camille)	Oriented participants on the expectations and flow of the workshop
Day 2: October 3, 2023 (Tuesday)						
Morning Program		8:00AM-8:30AM	Plenary	n/a	Region X	n/a

Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the National Capital Region (NCR)	Present the inputs and comments of Child Protection Committee (CPC) Members from NCR	8:30AM-9:30AM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	NCR	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from Schools Division Offices (SDOs) under NCR
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO X	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO X	9:30AM-10:30AM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO X	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO X
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO III	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO III	10:30AM-11:30AM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO III	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under NCR
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO IV-A	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO IV-A	1:00PM-1:40PM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO IV-A	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO IV-A
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO I	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO I	1:40PM-2:10PM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO I	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO I
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO XIII	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO XIII	2:10PM-2:40PM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO XIII	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO XIII
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO MIMAROPA	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO MIMAROPA	2:40PM-3:10PM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO MIMAROPA	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO MIMAROPA
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO XI	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO XI	3:10PM-3:40PM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO XI	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO XI
Presentation of Consultation Outputs	Discuss the inputs and comments of CPC Members. Wrap up the discussions of previous presenters.	3:40PM-4:30PM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	LRPO Team	Summarized inputs and comments of CPC Members

Day 3: October 4, 2023 (Wednesday)

Morning Program		8:00AM-8:30AM	Plenary	n/a	NCR	n/a
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in CAR	8:30AM-8:50AM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	CAR	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under CAR
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO II	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO II	8:50AM-9:10AM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO II	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO II
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO IX	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO IX	9:10AM-9:30AM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO IX	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO IX
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO V	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO V	9:30AM-9:50AM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO V	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO V
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO XII	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO XII	9:50AM-10:10AM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO XII	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO XII
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO VI	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO VI	10:10AM-10:30AM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO VI	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO VI
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO VIII	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO VIII	10:30AM-10:50AM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO VIII	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO VIII
Presentation of Consultation Outputs by the RO VII	Present the inputs and comments of CPC Members in RO VII	10:50AM-11:10AM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	RO VII	Consolidated inputs and comments of CPC Members from SDOs under RO VII
Presentation of Consultation Outputs	Discuss the inputs and comments of CPC Members. Wrap up the discussions of	11:10AM-11:50AM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	LRPO Team	Summarized inputs and comments of CPC Members

	previous presenters.					
Presentation of Writeshop Mechanics	Provide instructions to the participants on how their inputs and comments will be given during the writeshop	1:00PM-1:30PM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	Legal Consultant from Consuelo Foundation	Oriented participants on the writeshop mechanics
Presentation of the Draft 1 of the enhanced Learner Protection Policy	Provide an overview on the contents of the Draft 1 of the enhanced Learner Protection Policy	1:30PM-4:30PM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	Legal Consultant from Consuelo Foundation	Oriented participants on the overview of the Draft 1
Day 4: October 5, 2023 (Thursday)						
Morning Program		8:00AM-8:30AM	Plenary	n/a	Region III	n/a
Writeshop Proper	Discuss recommended amendments and determine whether or not the recommendations should be adopted	8:30AM-5:00PM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	Legal Consultant from Consuelo Foundation, LRPO Secretariat	Enhanced Learner Protection Policy
Day 5: October 6, 2023 (Friday)						
Morning Program		8:00AM-8:30AM	Plenary	n/a	CALABARZON	n/a
Writeshop Proper	Discuss recommended amendments and determine whether or not the recommendations should be adopted	8:30AM-5:00PM	Plenary	Presentation, Laptop, Projector, Microphone, Speaker	Legal Consultant from Consuelo Foundation, LRPO Secretariat	Enhanced Learner Protection Policy
Adjournment						
Travel to Original Work Station: October 6 or 7, 2023						

For other related clarifications and queries, the concerned Offices and personnel may contact the LRPO Team through e-mail at lrpo@deped.gov.ph (cc: suzette.medina@deped.gov.ph and camille.cariaga@deped.gov.ph).

Immediate dissemination of, and response to, this Memorandum are desired.

Thank you.