CHILD PROTECTION POLICY UPLIFTS CHILDREN’S DIGNITY

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Pursuant to Dep-Ed order No. 40 s. 2012, the Department of Education issued the enclosed copy of the Guidelines and Policy on Protecting Children in School from abuse, violence, exploitation, discrimination, bullying and other forms of abuse entitled “DEPED CHILD PROTECTION POLICY”

This “DEPED CHILD PROTECTION POLICY” aims to ensure that all schools are conducive to learning of all the children. The best interest of the child shall be the main consideration in all discussions, actions involving children’s welfare. This also gives special protection to children who are seriously threatened or endangered by circumstances. Accordingly, this also recapitulates a zero tolerance for any act of child abuse, exploitation, discrimination, violence, bullying and other forms of it. In this connection, Family Code permits the school, its administrators and teachers or the individual entity or institution, engaged in children to exercise the special parental authority and responsibility over the children while under their care or guardianship.

As directives, schools need to conduct orientation and stress debriefing regarding this matter to have the learners, parents, and teachers in depth knowledge about this policy for them to understand the right and protection of a child, increase awareness in different forms of abuse that calls their attention to uplift their dignity as a person being abused and victims of violence. As a result, teachers have realized their full responsibility to execute their parental power to give protection on a child in the same way lessen their ways of giving punishment to the learners but instead giving them love and care on how they help students who have encountered such problems. The students
also became aware on how to protect themselves and refuse the occasion to get involved in such forms of abuse.

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