



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION I



**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 40 S. 2012, OR THE DEPED CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Chiefs, School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)  
Division Child Protection Focal Persons  
All Others Concerned

1. In compliance with the Memorandum from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations (OASOPS), through the Learner Rights and Protection Office (LRPO), dated October 27, 2023. In observance of the Department's commitment to uphold the rights and welfare of Filipino learners, the Office respectfully reiterates the provisions of DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 titled DepEd Child Protection Policy.
2. The Department encourages everyone to abide by positive reinforcement and non-violent disciplining of learners in order to maintain an environment conducive to learning and to protect our learners.
3. For information and guidance.

For the Regional Director:

  
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Incls: OUOPS Memo 2023-222 dated October 27, 2023

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
**ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
**ALL SCHOOL HEADS**  
**ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

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SUBJECT : **Reiteration of DepEd Order No. 40 s. 2012, or the *DepEd Child Protection Policy***

DATE : October 27, 2023

In observance of the Department's commitment to uphold the rights and welfare of Filipino learners, this Office respectfully reiterates the provisions of DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 titled *DepEd Child Protection Policy*, which pertains to the positive and non-violent disciplining of learners.

Section 13 of the abovementioned Order mandates schools to impose non-punitive measures in lieu of punitive actions on erring learners, in compliance with the principles of Positive and Non-Violent Discipline. Moreover, this Office reminds the field of the rules and procedures for handling and reporting cases of child abuse, exploitation, violence, and discrimination outlined in Chapter V, Section 15 of the same Order.

The Learner Rights and Protection Office (LRPO) is the Central Office's established mechanism to fully operationalize, implement, and coordinate programs, projects, and activities pertaining to child protection. The LRPO may be contacted through the details in the attached infographic.

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For your guidance.