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KAGAWARAN NG EDUCASYON, KULTURA AT RECREASYON
(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND RECREATION)
Manila

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MECS - MEMORANDUM
No. 224, s. 1987

ADDENDUM TO MECS MEMORANDUM NO. 131, S. 1986 (Enforcement
of the Provisions of R.P. Bldg. 301 - The National
Accessibility Law)

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
School Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. The Accessibility Law otherwise known as Batas Pambansa Bldg. 301, entitled "An Act to Enhance the Mobility of Disabled Persons by Requiring Certain Buildings, Institutional Establishments and Public Utilities to Install Facilities and Other Devices" approved in July 1982 was issued by the Department under MECS Memorandum No. 131, s. 1986. "Enforcement of the Provisions of R.P. Bldg. 301 (The National Accessibility Program)". This law was specifically designed to assist in the installation of barrier-free facilities and accessibility features in public buildings and transportation facilities, among others, given specific requirements for buildings and related structures for public use.

2. The aforesaid MECS Memorandum enjoins the field offices to enforce the provisions of the law particularly in the construction of school buildings to accommodate the needs of students with physical disabilities.

3. As a requirement to the memorandum, schools at all levels, public or private, are urged to create a more accessible environment than is presently available to encourage greater school participation among disabled persons through the provision of special physical arrangements.

4. Such special arrangements that shall be provided are as follows:

- a. Classes shall preferably be held on the ground floor of school buildings;
- b. In case the ground floor is reached by a few steps, such necessary features as ramps and handrails shall be installed as soon as possible;

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- c. Transfer of clothes from one level or building to another, or from one wing to another shall be minimized or avoided; and
 - d. Washroom or comfort room and all other facilities such as theater, conference room, individual rooms, multipurpose hall, canteen, etc. should be provided with accessibility features for disabled persons including those on wheelchairs.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Reference:

FSCS Memorandum: (No. 234, s. 1956)

Attachment: 1-2-3-4--(M.O. 1-87)

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