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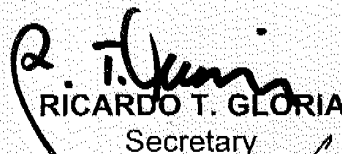
**DECS MEMORANDUM**

No. 194, s. 1997

**ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION IN EVERY SCHOOL**

To : Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
School Heads/Principals

1. This Office encourages the establishment of a Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) in every public and private elementary and secondary schools nationwide. Further, the federation of school PTAs with other PTAs at the district, division and regional level is suggested.
2. School heads/principals are directed to provide every opportunity for parents to organize themselves into a school association with teachers. The PTAs shall be a venue for the conduct of dialogues where a true partnership between the schools and parents may be forged.
3. It is desired that the views, comments and insights of parents be solicited on a regular, constant and sustained basis rather than on a "once-a-year" affair. A PTA in every school is the best assurance that indeed a true partnership has been forged to achieve the goal of educating our children.
4. A report of compliance with this directive shall be submitted by the respective regional offices, not later than 15 July 1997. **(Attention: Undersecretary Erlinda C. Pefianco).**

  
RICARDO T. GLORIA  
Secretary

Reference:

DECS Order: No. 43, s. 1982  
Allotment: 1-2—(M.O. 1-87)  
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SCHOOLS  
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