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DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 294, s. 1997

FIGHT AGAINST SMUT TABLOIDS (FAST)

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
District Supervisors
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1. Children are very receptive. With their young minds they easily respond to anything they read or see which in time may have positive or negative effects on them depending on the kind of materials they are exposed to.
2. The proliferation of SMUT Tabloids on the streets which are sold to the general public greatly influences the commission of rapes and insent involving the school children either as perpetrators or victims. In this regard, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports sets a Fight Against Smut Tabloids (FAST).
3. Everyone is enjoined to help protect the school children from being perpetrators or victims of such crimes by undertaking activities to support the Fight Against Smut Tabloids (FAST), such as:
 - a. campaign for non-support of newspapers/magazines publishing obscene pictures and stories;
 - b. recommending proper reading materials/newspapers;
 - c. parent education;
 - d. panel discussions, conferences, symposium with parents/community;
 - e. pupil-parent-teacher interaction sessions;
 - f. campaign thru the local media/LGUs;

- g. appeal meetings with newspaper/magazine stand sellers/vendors; and
 - h. strengthening the teaching of values education in the secondary and GMRC in the elementary levels.
4. It is expected that such smut tabloids be banned within the premises of the school and/or in the person of school personnel, employees/pupils.
5. This is, likewise, to remind everybody about the DECS Revitalized Values Education Program which is school-family-community-based and can be an avenue to implement the program FAST.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

Reference:

DECS Order: No. 6, s. 1988

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