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MEASURES TO BE TAKEN RELATIVE TO STUDENT MASS ACTION

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

1. There has been a resurgence of student demonstrations and boycotts of classes in educational institutions in the Metropolitan Manila Area. These activities do not only undermine peace and order conditions but also affect adversely the education of children and students.
2. To minimize negative student mass action, all schools or educational institutions concerned shall take the following measures:
  - a. Strengthen the en loco parentis relation between teachers, instructors, professors and administrators with students, particularly with identified leaders of these activities through dialogues, socials and other similar activities. In this connection, it is underscored that in line with progressive principles of school management, schools should perform the role of substitute parents when students are under their charge.
  - b. Conduct regular and periodic meetings with Parent-Teacher Associations to discuss school problems particularly student participation in illegal mass action. Their assistance in the latter case is indispensable.
  - c. Hold a conference with parents of identified student leaders who participated in illegal mass action and, with them plan appropriate solutions with a view to dissuading said students from further engaging in such illegal activities.
  - d. To avoid student-groups' petty wars, have student deans, guidance counsellors, advisers and other







officials performing the same or similar functions conduct regular and periodic dialogues with leaders of these student-groups.

- e. Enforce strictly existing rules and regulations and pertinent provisions of law relative to student discipline and school attendance.
- f. Investigate immediately and expeditiously violations of such rules and regulations and pertinent provisions of law and render the decision in each case immediately after such investigation.
- g. Before readmitting to classes students arrested by the police or military authorities for participation in rallies, demonstrations and the like, a statement of participation or non-participation in such activities shall be obtained from such authorities. The purpose is to identify those students who need special educational guidance and counseling.

3. In dealing with matters of this nature, school administrators should take students into their confidence cognizant of our objective to develop them to become worthy and useful citizens of the Republic.

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