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KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON, KULTURA AT ISPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS

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sa DECS

Tanggapan- ng Kalihim
Office of the Secretary

April 28, 1999

DECS ORDER
No. 44, s. 1999

**CREATING A TASK FORCE FOR AN EFFECTIVE AND EXPEDITIOUS
IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATION ACT OF 1982
(Batas Pambansa Blg. 232) SPECIFICALLY ON THE REQUIREMENT THAT
SCHOOLS MUST OPERATE WITH GOVERNMENT PERMIT**

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Director
Schools Superintendents
School Heads

1. Section 1 of Rule III of Batas Pambansa Blg. 232 states that pursuant to the Constitution, "All educational institutions shall be under the supervision of and subject to regulation by the state". Consequently, no school or educational institution shall be established, nor operate any educational program, whether formal or non-formal, except by law or pursuant to law and in accordance with these Rules.
2. With the aforesaid law, it is expected that no public school shall be established except by law. The establishment of new private school including that of branch school or extension class shall be subject to the prior approval of the DECS pursuant to Act No. 2706, as amended, the Education Act of 1982, and other education-related or applicable law.
3. In view of the proliferation of private schools without government permit and in order to effectively implement Batas Pambansa Blg. 232 on the establishment and operation of private schools, a committee/task force at the DECS Central Office, regional office and division office, respectively are hereby constituted, as follows:

(1) DECS Central Office: Undersecretary for Programs, Projects
and Regional Operations, Chairman
Representative, BSE, Member
Representative, BEE, Member
Representative, Legal Division/ or
Legal Consultant, Consultant


(2) DECS Regional Office:

Regional Director, Chairman
Chief, Secondary Education Division,
Member
Chief, Elementary Education Division,
Member
In-Charge for Tuition Fees, Member
Legal Officer, Consultant

(3) DECS Division Office:

Division Schools Superintendent, Chairman
Assistant Schools Superintendent, Member
Supervisor of Private Schools, Member
Legal Officer, Consultant

4. The above constituted Regional and Division Committees shall monitor and submit a list of the names and locations of private elementary and secondary schools operating with permit and recognition to the DECS Central Office Committee not later than May 30, 1999 to be published in order to protect the interest of the general public.
5. The abovementioned Committees are enjoined to take the necessary legal steps against the bring private school owners. They are furthermore advised to take the lead role in forestalling the illegal establishment and operation of schools.
6. For strict compliance


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Undersecretary
Officer In Charge

Reference: None

Allotment: 1-(D.O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

COMMITTEE
PERMIT
SCHOOLS