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SYNCHRONIZED STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

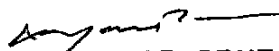
To: Bureau/Center Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Private Secondary School Principals
Vocational High School Principals

1. The student government as vehicle for developing leadership skills among the students is an essential concern in the academic setting. It fosters student empowerment, promotes harmonious relationships between student bodies and school administrations, and safeguards students' general welfare.
2. In view of this, there is a need to employ an organizational mechanism for student governments that focuses on the following objectives:
 - a. to sustain student government programs directed at enhancing organizational management;
 - b. to implement a systematized transition or turning over of duties and responsibilities from one batch of officers to another;
 - c. to conduct a strategic planning of student activities and leadership training for student officers; and,
 - d. to synchronize a national high school student government election period in order to provide a general trend of major student activities throughout the calendar year.
3. All elected student government officers for school year 2001-2002 shall serve until the end of the school year. Succeeding elections shall be held annually every last week of February.
4. The following shall guide the conduct of school elections:
 - a. From February up to May 2002 and every year thereafter, outgoing and incoming officers shall work together to provide a transitional phase of leadership.
 - b. Only freshmen, sophomore and junior students of the present year can qualify to run as candidates for the February election; incoming freshmen for School Year 2002-2003 and thereafter shall elect in the last week of June their batch representative/s, the number of which shall depend on the enrollment as determined by the school head.

Example:

200 – 300 enrollees	=	1 representative
301 – 400 enrollees	=	2 representatives
401 – 500 enrollees	=	3 representatives
501+ enrollees	=	4 representatives

- c. An adequate filing, screening and campaign period of two weeks must be provided to all candidates in order to ensure the observance of democratic processes;
 - d. Campus-wide Presidential and Vice Presidential Public Debates are encouraged to underscore the candidates' platforms.
5. Head teachers of Social Studies Department Coordinators are automatically designated as advisers for the Student Government in the school level, with supervision from School Principals and Division/Regional Social Studies Supervisors.
6. All regions are required to submit the names of all Division/Regional Social Studies Supervisors as well as the complete list of duly elected student officers in all schools. These lists shall be forwarded to **Mr. Joey G. Pelaez**, Executive Director, Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs, DECS Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City or faxed to 636-3603 or 631-8495.
7. All Regional Directors and Superintendents are requested to support and monitor the implementation of this program.
8. Immediate dissemination of this Order is desired.


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Undersecretary

Reference:

None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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