

## Republic of the Philippines **Department of Education**



## Tanggapan ng Kalihim

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## INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE SUPREME PUPIL GOVERNMENT IN ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary Schools

- 1. In recognition of the need to organize a pupil governing body in the elementary level which shall embody the ideals, principles and practice of participatory democracy and citizenship and serve as a venue for pupils to develop their leadership and social skills, the Department of Education hereby institutionalizes the Supreme Pupil Government (SPG) for implementation of all elementary schools nationwide.
- 2. The Supreme Pupil Government, being the counterpart of the Supreme Student Government (SSG) in secondary schools, shall serve as the highest level of pupil organization in school governance in order to help promote the welfare of the entire pupil population.
- 3. The Supreme Pupil Government shall have the following objectives:
  - a. Develop love of God and country, moral character, personal discipline, leadership potentials, self-confidence and initiative among the pupils;

b. Train pupils for effective and efficient leadership;

c. Establish programs and projects that will promote goodwill, unity and cooperation between and among pupils;

d. Serve and protect pupils' rights and welfare;

- e. Provide a good environment for learning, training and growth opportunities;
- f. Contribute to school aspirations to promote quality education and academic excellence; and,
- g. Represent the pupil population in the policy-making body of the school concerning pupils' welfare.
- 4. The Supreme Pupil Government shall implement programs, projects and activities which will benefit the pupils under the guidance of the school administration. Such projects shall include Clean and Green Campaigns, Environmental Programs, Health Campaigns, English Speaking and Reading Campaigns, Brigada Eskwela, Leadership Trainings and other related activities.

5. For School Year 2007-2008, only Grades V-VI pupils are qualified to run as candidates for the following major positions of the Supreme Pupil Government, who shall be elected by Grades III-VI pupils:

a. Mayor e. Auditor

b. Vice-Mayor f. Public Information Officer

c. Secretary g. Peace Officer

d. Treasurer

For succeeding School Years, incoming Grades V-VI pupils are already qualified to run and be elected to the major positions of the Supreme Pupil Government.

6. As a general rule, the Supreme Pupil Government shall only have four (4) Grade Level Councilors: one (1) from Grade III; one (1) from Grade IV; one (1) from Grade V and one (1) from Grade VI. Only Grades III-VI pupils have the power to elect their respective Councilors. In case of big schools, however, the number of Councilors per year level shall be determined by the School Head based on the following parameters:

300 or less enrollees per year level - 1 Councilor 301 to 400 enrollees per year level - 2 Councilors 401 to 500 enrollees per year level - 3 Councilors 501 or more enrollees per year level - 4 Councilors

- 7. Homeroom elections, which shall follow the organizational set-up of the Supreme Pupil Government except the Grade Level Councilor, shall be held within two weeks after the opening of classes.
- 8. School-wide Supreme Pupil Government elections (from Mayor to Grade Level Councilors) shall be held after the Homeroom Officers shall have been elected but not later than the last week of July 2007. All elected Supreme Pupil Government Officers for School Year 2007-2008 shall serve until March 2008. Thereafter, elections for the succeeding School Years shall be held annually every last week of February consistent with the DepED Memorandum on the Synchronized Supreme Pupil/Student Government Elections issued every January or earlier. Officers elected under this schedule shall serve during the School Year following their election from June to March.
- 9. All Regional Directors, Schools Division/City Superintendents, Public Schools District Supervisors and Elementary School Principals/Heads are enjoined to implement and support the Supreme Pupil Government, including its projects and activities. Elementary School Principals/Heads shall designate a teacher, preferably in HEKASI, who shall serve as the adviser of the Supreme Pupil Government, with supervision from concerned School Principal, Public Schools District Supervisor, and Division/Regional Social Studies/HEKASI Supervisor.
- 10. The DepED Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (CSCA) shall supervise and monitor the institutionalization of the Supreme Pupil Government, which shall be under its Student Government Program (SGP).

- 11. For more information, please get in touch with the CSCA, attention: Mr. Joey G. Pelaez, Executive Director, at telephone numbers (02) 631-8495 or 636-3603, or at e-mail address: **joey\_pelaez@deped-csca.com** or log on to its website: **www.deped-csca.com**.
- 12. Immediate and widest dissemination and compliance with this Order is highly advised.

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Secretary

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To be indicated in the <u>Perpetual Index</u> under the following subjects:

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