



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
Schools Division of Cebu Province

August 25, 2020

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
NO. 188, s. 2020

**RE-ECHO OF THE WEBINAR ON CHILD SAFEGUARDING
IN SCHOOLS UNDER THE NEW NORMAL**

TO: Assistant Superintendents
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Public School District Supervisors
School Heads

1. On July 31, 2020 our Division conducted a Webinar on Child Safeguarding in Schools under the New Normal participated by select personnel, to wit: district guidance coordinators, registered guidance counselors, PDOs for youth development and division federation officers of various teachers' organizations.
2. The speakers in the said webinar provided vital information that will be very helpful to all our teachers as SY 2020-2021 is about to start. In particular, there were mechanisms, procedures and resources that were introduced during said webinar that will be very useful to our schools as we adapt in the new normal. In particular, Stairway Foundation has benevolently shared a pro forma School Social Media/Online Policy with instruction that it will be contextualized based on the circumstances of each school.
3. Now therefore, the participants of the aforementioned webinar are instructed to conduct a re-echo to all our division teachers and students through their respective districts, areas of responsibility, and organizations. In specific, the district guidance coordinators and registered guidance counselors shall re-echo to all teachers within their respective districts, the PDOs for youth development shall re-echo to the various SSG federation officers and the division federation officers of teachers' organizations shall re-echo to their respective teachers' organizations.
4. The re-echo webinars must be conducted as soon as possible so that all schools will already start drafting their contextualized School Social Media/Online Policy. A copy of said policy shall then be sent through email to the Division Legal Section at orville.delacerna@deped.gov.ph on or before **September 15, 2020** for review and approval.
5. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance of this memorandum is directed.
6. The aforesaid participants are also mandated to submit a report through the same email address given above, about the Re-Echo seminar that they conducted.

MARILYN S. ANDALES, ED.D., CESO V
School Division Superintendent



STAIRWAY FOUNDATION INC.

a learning and resource center for children's rights

Stairway Webinar Concept

Child Safeguarding in Schools in the New Normal

The Covid19 pandemic has affected every sector in the country. The Philippine education sector, in particular, has been affected in ways, which necessitates a shift to non-traditional modes of education delivery.

With the move to prohibit face to face classes until there is a vaccine against the Covid-19 virus, a shift to multi-modal delivery of lessons comes into play. Online learning, traditional media (TV and Radio) and printed modular lessons or self-learning kits are the ways identified in DepEd's Learning Continuity Plan (LCP).

With the implementation of the LCP, child protection will continue to be a key issue that has to be addressed. Shifts to more online learning will mean children spending more time online, which increases the risk of online abuse and exploitation. The use of non-contact media such as TV, Radio, and even self-learning kits (modules) and alternative delivery modes, necessitates that schools will have to think of ways to continuously safeguard their learners in this new mode of education.

In order to support the Department of Education in the implementation of its Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan, Stairway Foundation shall be offering its webinar on **"Child Safeguarding in Schools in the New Normal"** for interested DepEd Regional/Division/District and Schools.

Objectives:

1. Introduce school child safeguarding perspectives in the context of the new normal
2. Provide concrete recommendations and resource materials for schools on how to implement child safeguarding in the new normal.

Topics

The webinar shall discuss how schools can continue child safeguarding even in the absence of face to face interactions with learners. It will offer perspectives on what child safeguarding measures schools will have to consider under the LCP.

1. Child Safeguarding considerations under the LCP
2. Elaborating School Social Media Policies
3. Child Safeguarding in Education Delivery
4. Child Protection Education
5. The Child Protection Committee under the new normal

Modality

- Shall be conducted via Zoom webinars
- 90 Zoom slots per webinar batch
- Proposed duration and time frame:
 - 2 and ½ hours per webinar batch

Stairway Webinar series

Child Safeguarding in Schools in the New Normal

Sample Program Flow

9:00 – 9:05am Opening and Program Flow (5 minutes)

9:05 – 9:15am DepEd message (10 minutes)

9:15 – 9:30am Child Safeguarding considerations under the LCP (15 minutes)

9:30 – 10:00am Elaborating School Social Media Policies (30 minutes)

10:00 – 10:15am Child Protection Education: Stairway CyberSafe ELearning Courses (15 minutes)

10:15 – 10:30am Child Protection Education: Facebook Digital Tayo Resources (15 minutes)

10:30 – 11:00am The School Child Protection Committee under the New Normal (30 minutes)

11:00 – 11:20am Q&A (20 minutes)

11:20 – 11:30am Closing

For inquiries, send an email to ace@stairway.ngo