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To,
The Heads of all recognised
Secondary & Higher Secondary Schools within the
jurisdiction of this Board.

Sub: Anti-ragging action in the schools

Of late, a disturbing ugly trend of several types of objectionable and socially unacceptable acts on part of the students, particularly by the seniors, thereby causing serious physical and emotional harm to the Juniors in the school premises or the hostels has been widely reported upon.

The acts of physical assault, public insult, jeering, rude intimidations, forcing to act against etiquette or assault on the ones self-esteem, directly or indirectly, through abuse of spoken or written words, e-mail, letters etc. often result into serious physical or mental injury to the subjects as the case may be.

The Institutions are the temples of learning and all concerned are duty bound to strive to maintain a very amiable and healthy ambience, conducive for the academic pursuit.

Therefore it is high time that we need to take all possible preventive measures to curb any heinous acts often termed as Ragging and also take very stern, deterrent action against those found indulging in such practice.

Therefore a few suggestive steps, which every Institution, should adopt are listed below:-

1. Every institution should constitute Health and Wellness Clubs which shall act as monitoring cell to exercise constant vigil to prevent and curb violence of any form among the students.

2. The prospectus and the admission form may have clear mention that any act of violence or ragging will be meted with severe punishment. The proposed punishments should be also listed therein.
3. The admission form and prospectus may also clearly inform that any punishment imposed on a student for committing any act of ragging will go in his/her certificate.
4. The instructions at 2 and 3 upon may also suitably pasted on the notice board as well as in the class-rooms, canteen, library , games-rooms etc.
5. Adequate action should be taken to be watchful in sensitive zones such as canteen, playground , corridors and bathrooms etc.
6. The platform of PTA may be invariably used to elicit desired co-operation from the parents to curb the ragging activities.
7. Drastic action should be invariably taken against the raggers.
8. Utmost care should be taken to protect the identity of the victim or the reporter as the case may be.
9. The punishment to be meted should be commensurate with the gravity of the offence. Nevertheless, it must be enough to discourage any more repetition.
10. The punishment may range from suspension from the class or heavy fines to expulsion or rustication from the school and hostel.
11. Suitable arrangements be made for periodic counseling of the students on the line of medical inspection.

In view of the gravity of this matter, any apathy, failure or default on part of the schools will be liable for severe action upto the extent of de-recognition.

The contents of this circular may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

(D. R. Bhagat)
Secretary

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