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DECS ORDER
No. 103, s. 1997

**Prohibiting Private Schools from Practicing
Discriminatory Acts Against Children**

To: Regional Directors
School Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1. One of the major concerns of this Department is the full implementation of the provision contained in Chapter 2 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 232 which declares that the state shall promote the right of every individual to relevant quality education, regardless of sex, age, creed, socio-economic status, physical and mental conditions, racial or ethnic origin, political and other affiliation. Not this Office has received reports that there are private schools which violate this provision.
2. Considering the negative effects of this practice, all private schools, elementary and secondary are directed to discontinue practicing discriminatory acts against children specifically in not accepting children who have single or separated parents or those who come from broken homes for enrollment in their schools.
3. Schools Division Superintendents and Education Supervisors I designated to supervise private schools shall monitor closely the private schools to stop this practice. Any further violation shall be reported immediately to higher authorities concerned.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Order is expected.


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Secretary

Reference:
None

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

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