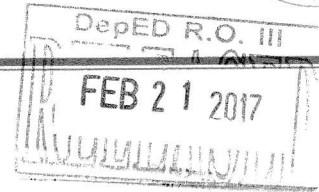


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PRESS RELEASE

DepEd will not be involved in condom distribution

Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones on Monday signified that the Department of Education (DepEd) will not be involved in the Department of Health's (DOH) condom distribution.

Citing the Department's responsibilities, based on an Executive Order and a Supreme Court decision, to enhance gender sensitivity and reproductive health education, the Secretary emphasized that DepEd's primary role is to review and strengthen the basic education curriculum.

"We will follow the UNESCO guidelines on reproductive health, including the requirements of the Constitution and the law. . . obviously what we're allowed to do is to improve the curriculum," Briones pointed out.

She further noted, "Nothing within the school premises because right now you have the health centers who are already tasked with that function. . . Yung consequence ng pre-marital sex, the dangers involved but not the distribution."

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