

Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR City of Davao

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.<u>02</u> Series of 2020

## AN ORDER CREATING THE PARENTS-TEACHERS SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE (PTSSC) UNDER THE EXISTING PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS IN SCHOOLS IN DAVAO CITY

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Department of Education (DepEd) Order No. 54 s. of 2009 otherwise known as the "Revised Guidelines Governing Parents-Teachers Associations (PTA)," it is a general policy that every elementary and secondary school shall organize a PTA for the purpose of providing a forum for the discussion of issues and their solutions;

**WHEREAS,** schools have become more vulnerable to various crises nowadays such as earthquakes, floods, fires, fraternity wars, hazing, bullying, sexual harassment and other incidents which adversely affect the safety and security of students and teachers;

**WHEREAS**, DepEd Order No. 40 s. 2012 otherwise known as the "DepEd Child Protection Policy," reiterates a zero-tolerance policy for any act of child abuse, exploitation, violence, discrimination, bullying, and other forms of abuse;

**WHEREAS**, Section 14 of Republic Act 10121 otherwise known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010", states that relevant agencies shall integrate disaster risk reduction and management education in the school curricula of secondary and tertiary level of education;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to harmonize the said existing guidelines or policies with the recent laws in order to address the aforementioned concerns, thus, the Task Force Davao (TFD) recommended the creation of the Parents-Teachers Safety and Security Committee (PTSSC) in every school in Davao City;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, **SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE,** Acting City Mayor of the City of Davao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1. CREATION, CONSTITUTION AND COMPOSITION.** There is hereby created and constituted a Parents-Teachers Safety and Security Committee (PTSSC) which shall be under the existing Parents-Teachers Associations (PTAs) in Elementary and Secondary schools in Davao City, to be composed of the following:

- a) Committee Chairperson to be appointed by the school PTA officers
- b) School Security Head
- c) School Head or Principal
- d) at least three (3) Parent-members from the existing school PTA
- e) at least three (3) Teacher-members from the existing school PTA



## SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS. The PTSSC shall have the following functions:

- Establish a social media group that shall serve as a platform for discussions, dissemination, reporting and monitoring of significant safety and security issues affecting schools and their surrounding communities. The social media group may also be used to disseminate anti-terrorism policies and will serve as the immediate venue of short discussions on matters of safety and security to complement the regular PTA meeting.
- In coordination with the PTA, recommend to the school administration the issuance of school policies to improve security, disaster risk reduction and management measures and other child protection measures in the school.
- Coordinate with the Davao City Public Safety and Security Commander Center (PSSCC) and Task Force Davao (TF Davao) in the event of security threats, and with the Davao City Risk Reduction and Management Office (DRRMO) during calamities and emergencies.

**SECTION 3. ROLE OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**. The school administration shall moderate the discussion on the social media group page and shall determine who, aside from the members of the PTSSC, may be part of said group.

**SECTION 4. ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.** The Department of Education Davao City Division shall ensure that all schools under the division have their PTSSCs organized in their respective PTAs.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Davao, Philippines, this \_\_\_\_\_ 3 0 JAN 2020

Attested by:

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ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ City Administrator



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