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A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE MINISTER OF BASIC, HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO ISSUE AN ORDER/MEMORANDUM BANNING ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS' USE OF CELLULAR PHONES DURING CLASS HOURS WITHIN SCHOOL PREMISES

WHEREAS, under the Department of Education DECS Order Nos. 70, series of 1999 and 26, series 2000 (Prohibiting Students of Elementary and Secondary Students from Using Cellular Phones and Pagers during Class Hours), students are prohibited from using cellular phones and pagers during class hours and within school premises;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has already reiterated in DO 83, series of 2003 the said prohibition, the salient points of which states:

1. The Department of Education strictly imposes a ban on the use of cell phones by the students during class hours;
2. Teachers and parents should devise ways to educate students on the responsible use of cell phones to prevent them from engaging in misguided and immoral activities;

WHEREAS, in view of lack of compliance with the above-mentioned Orders, there is a need to reiterate the reasons behind said Orders;

WHEREAS, the use of cellular phones applications has diverted the attention of the students from their studies causing disturbance to classes, and are also used by students as instruments for cheating during examinations;

WHEREAS, it has been noted that the use of smart phones and other mobile devices have proliferated the access and sharing of lewd and obscene pictures and videos particularly those capable of Multi-Media Services

WHEREAS, studies have also shown that the use of cell phones within the school premises, may it be during class hours or during break times, have various negative effects on academic performance not only of the students but also of the teachers;

WHEREAS, the prohibition aims to help students remain focused on their studies and that learning distractions be minimized;

WHEREAS, in view of the teacher's and parent's role in a child's education, teachers should educate students on the responsible use not only of cell phones but other gadgets in a way that would benefit their studies and that parents, on the other hand, should also guide their

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children at home so that they can prevent them from using cell phones excessively and improperly.

WHEREFORE, it is **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Minister of Basic, Higher and Technical Education is urged to issue an order/memorandum banning elementary and secondary students' use of cellular phones during class hours within school premises.

Adopted _____

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