

Nagaland Board of School Education Kohima

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Dated Kohima, the 20th June, 2023

NO.NBE-8/Ad-Misc(10)/2023-24:: It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that there are instances of students seeking for transfer of schools due to incidences of bullying in some schools. Every act of ragging/bullying, major or minor, is beyond the limits of decency, morality and humanity. Prevalence of bullying and victimization among school going children is a grave concern, which have severe consequences in both short and long-term.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) reports that bullying has a significant negative effect on children's mental health, quality of life and academic achievement. Children who are frequently bullied are nearly three times more likely to feel like an outsider at school, and more than twice as likely to miss school as those who are not frequently bullied. They have worse educational outcomes than their peers and are also more likely to leave formal education after finishing secondary school.

Accordingly, there is an urgent need for institutions to have a *School Counsellor* to support students socially, emotionally and academically, when facing challenges that can prevent them from fully thriving within the school setting.

As such, Heads of Institutions are reminded to have a robust *Anti-Bullying and Ragging Committee* [Refer **General Rules**, Page 50] and to have a *Zero Tolerance policy* in place, to curb the menace of bullying and ragging in schools/hostels. Heads of Institutions are therefore, requested to take all possible measures to create a conducive environment for the learners and ensure that no child become a victim of bullying/ragging.


(Asano Sekhose)
Chairman

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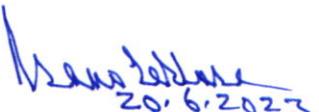
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A. Copy for information and necessary action:

1. All the Heads of Registered Institutions under NBSE.

B. Copy for information :

1. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of School Education & SCERT, Kohima.
2. The State Mission Director, Samagra, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. The Principal Director, School Education, Nagaland, Kohima.
4. The Director, SCERT, Nagaland, Kohima.


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