



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, DR MICHEAL F. TAPO CONCERNED ABOUT SCHOOL FIGHTS

The Secretary for Education, Dr. Michael F. Tapo, EdD has condemned school fighting saying the continuous fighting that is going on in schools around the country is getting out of hand and is a cause for concern for the national and provincial education authorities.

Dr Tapo said all disciplinary cases should be dealt with by the school governing bodies and if the school governing bodies cannot handle the issue then they should be replaced.

“School administrations must establish a good working relationship with different authorities in the province and communities to minimize the disciplinary problems going on in schools especially school fights,” he said.

The Secretary said students who continue to be involved in school fights are jeopardizing their future if they are expelled from their schools and parents and citizens, school authorities and school boards need to put their heads together to come up with ways to stop school fights.

“School behavior management is more than just school rules, codes of conduct, punishments and counseling. It also involves effective classroom management, a safe working environment, praise and rewards, clear communication, participation by all stakeholders, life skills

training, sharing best practice, assertive discipline good planning and well trained and well supported professional teachers.”

Citing the Department of Education’s School Behaviour Management Policy, Dr Tapo said effective behavior management is a whole school approach and reduces the potential for poor and anti-social behavior to occur by developing the social, emotional and behavioral skills of students.

“Schools and teachers have to rise to the difficult challenge of today’s changing world and the increasing demand for quality education,” he said.

Dr Tapo has called on all students to reflect on their academic performance and behavior so far this year and make some positive improvements to help them excel in their studies and also become successful in their future endeavours.

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