

Region V - Bicol



DepEd Bicol to host National Training on Bullying Prevention Program

Legazpi City, January 13, 2025 - The Department of Education (DepEd) Bicol will host the National Training on the Bullying Prevention Program from January 13 to 17 in Malilipot, Albay. The event will gather around 100 participants from across the country, including Regional Learner Rights and Protection focal persons, school heads, registered guidance counselors, and members of the regional federations of the Supreme Elementary Learner Government (SELG) and Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG).

The training is a collaboration between DepEd Bicol and the DepEd Learner Rights and Protection Office (LRP) from the DepEd Central Office which aims to enhance participants' understanding of bullying prevention protocols, improve strategies for addressing bullying behavior, and ensure the effective implementation of DepEd's Anti-Bullying Policy.

According to DepEd Bicol Director Gilbert Sadsad, the program seeks to promote positive behavioral changes in how bullying reports are handled and to review and update localized anti-bullying policies in schools.

"This national event reaffirms our commitment to complying with Section 4 and 13 of DepEd Order No. 55, s. 2014, which implements RA 10627, or the Anti-Bullying Act of 2013, requiring all schools to adopt an Anti-Bullying Policy," Sadsad said.

The training will cover various topics, including an overview of the implementing rules and regulations of RA 10627, case management of bullying incidents, strategies to address bullying behavior, and the development or updating of anti-bullying policies and codes of conduct in schools. The event will also feature presentations on research related to child rights awareness among regional and division federated officers of the SELG as well as the updating and crafting of the Localized Anti-Bullying Policy and Code of Conduct for Learners in Luzon and Mindanao cluster.

As part of its commitment to combat bullying, DepEd established the Learner Rights and Protection Office to facilitate bullying prevention programs and has designated Regional LRP focal persons to strengthen anti-bullying efforts nationwide. In Bicol, student leaders from the SSLG and SELG have been actively involved in promoting anti-bullying initiatives which contributed to creating a safe and supportive learning environment.

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