## (Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Order No. 47, s. 2014)

# GUIDELINES ON THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SUPREME PUPIL GOVERNMENTS AND SUPREME STUDENT GOVERNMENTS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

#### Introduction

The Department of Education Supreme Pupil Government and Supreme Student Government Program seeks to organize and institutionalize the Supreme Pupil Government and Supreme Student Government in public and private elementary and secondary schools nationwide with a view to make it efficient and responsive to the needs of the student, school and the community. The Supreme Pupil Government and the Supreme Student Government plays a significant role in implementing the programs, projects and activities and in upholding the values, principles and ideals of the Department of Education.

## Objectives

- a. To help students develop passionate love of country, values, and competencies that will enable them to realize their full potential and to contribute meaningfully in building the nation;
- b. To help develop a student-friendly, safe, and motivating learning environment;
- c. To nurture an inclusive, service-oriented, gender-sensitive, and environment conscious community;
- d. To help students to develop self-confidence, critical thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, and to utilize these skills in contributing towards nation building;
- e. To empower the students to strive for excellence in the academics, leadership, and social responsibility towards being proactive members of the society;
- f. Standardize the By-Laws and Constitution in the Supreme Pupil Governments and Supreme Student Governments;
- g. Standardize election code for the Supreme Pupil Governments and Supreme Pupil Governments to ensure fair, honest, orderly and properly coordinated elections ;
- h. Provide reference in monitoring and evaluating the performance of the Supreme Pupil Governments and Supreme Student Governments;
- i. Harness the Supreme Pupil Governments and Supreme Student Governments as partners in achieving quality education and academic excellence in schools; and,
- j. To make available real exposure, experience and learning in responsible and participative democracy in leadership.

## Guidelines

1. Effective School Year 2014-2015 and every School Year after, all public schools nationwide shall strictly adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of Supreme Pupil Government and Supreme Student Governments in Elementary and Secondary Schools. Private schools may freely adopt the same as they see fit.

2. All School Heads are tasked to ensure and oversee the implementation of this DepEd Order in their respective schools. All Division and Regional Coordinators of the Supreme Pupil Government and Supreme Student Government Program are required to report compliance with this DepEd Order to the Office of the Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Department of Education Central Office (DepEd CO).

3. All previous DepEd Orders and Memorabilia issued in regard to the Student Government Program inconsistent with this Order shall be considered as null and void.

4. These policy guidelines shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall remain in force until repealed, amended or rescinded.