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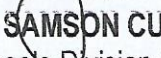
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TO : School Heads Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

BURNING OF WASTE MATERIALS IS PUNISHABLE UNDER RA 9003

1. Embodied in the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 or Republic Act (RA) 9003, is the policy of the State to adopt a systematic, comprehensive and ecological solid waste management program which shall, among others, ensure the protection of the public health and environment and ensure the proper segregation, collection, transport, storage, treatment and disposal of solid waste through the formulation and adoption of the best environmental practice in ecological waste management, excluding incineration.
2. Apart from this, several acts are prohibited, including open burning of solid wastes as provided in Section 48, paragraph 3. "Open burning" refers to the thermal destruction of wastes by means of direct exposure to fire. This definition shall apply to traditional small-scale methods of community sanitation or "siga" which can trigger a catastrophic fire that could destroy the school facilities/properties.
3. This memorandum serves as a reminder that those who violate the prohibitions of RA 9003 can be subjected to criminal proceedings, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the revised rules on criminal procedure (Rule XIX, Section 2, Implementing Rules and Regulations, RA 9003).
4. For your information and guidance.


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