



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS  
Schools Division of Bohol

**Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent**

December 13, 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. 0549, s. 2023

**ENDORSEMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 011, S. 2023 OF THE NATIONAL  
FEDERATION OF SUPREME SECONDARY LEARNER GOVERNMENT EMPOWERING  
THE SSLG TO SPEARHEAD INITIATIVES IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 18-DAY  
CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC)**

To: **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief, CID and SGOD  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Secondary and Elementary School Principals  
All Others Concerned**

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, attached is a copy of DepEd Memorandum OM-OASOPS-2023-0, entitled “Endorsement of Resolution No. 011, s. 2023 of the National Federation of Supreme Secondary Learner Government Empowering the SSLG to spearhead initiatives in observance of the 18-day campaign to end Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC)” signed by Dr. Dexter A. Galban, Assistant Secretary for Operations.
2. Immediate dissemination of, and compliance with this Memorandum are advised.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** **Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM**  
**Regional Directors**  
**Regional and Division Youth Formation Coordinators**  
**Schools Division Superintendents**  
**All Others Concerned**

**FROM :**   
**Dr. DEXTER A. GALBAN**  
*Assistant Secretary for Operations*

**SUBJECT :** **ENDORSEMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 011, s. 2023 OF**  
**THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF SUPREME SECONDARY**  
**LEARNER GOVERNMENT EMPOWERING THE SSLG TO**  
**SPEARHEAD INITIATIVES IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 18-**  
**DAY CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND**  
**THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC)**

**DATE :** **December 06, 2023**

Digitally signed by  
Asec. Dexter A. Galban on  
December 08, 2023, 5:00PM  
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The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations (OASOPS), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services–Learner Formation Division (BLSS-LFD), *transitioning from BLSS-Youth Formation Division*, hereby endorses **Resolution No. 011, series of 2023**, issued by the National Federation of Supreme Secondary Learner Government (NFSSLG) titled “*A Resolution Empowering the Supreme Secondary Learner Government to Spearhead Initiatives in Observance of the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC)*”.

The resolution empowers the Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG) in all public secondary schools to spearhead initiatives in observance of the **18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC)** from **November 25, 2023**, to **December 12, 2023**.

Specifically, it aims to:

- a. highlight the commitment of the NFSSLG to contribute to creating safe schools that prioritizes the well-being of every learner, with a particular focus on addressing VAWC;
- b. empower the SSLG to implement Gender and Development (GAD) programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) in line with the Department's mandate of providing gender-responsive basic education; and

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- c. recognize that fostering a humane, compassionate, and socially responsible learning environment is integral to the holistic development of learners.

In this regard, the OASOPS hereby requests all public secondary School Heads, through their respective SSLG Teacher-Advisers, to provide necessary support, technical assistance, and an avenue for the SSLG Officers to conduct the aforementioned initiatives. For more details, kindly refer to **Annex A** for the NFSSLG Resolution.

For inquiries and concerns, please contact the BLSS-LFD through email at [blss.lfd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blss.lfd@deped.gov.ph).

Immediate dissemination and action is advised.



**Department of Education**  
**National Federation of Supreme Secondary Learner Government**  
*"Para sa kabataan. Para sa bayan. Lagi't-lagi!"*

**Resolution No. 011, Series of 2023**

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**Introduced by:**

**MA. CASSANDRA P. AUSTRIA, *NFSSLG President***

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**A RESOLUTION**  
**EMPOWERING THE SUPREME SECONDARY LEARNER GOVERNMENT TO**  
**SPEARHEAD INITIATIVES IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 18-DAY CAMPAIGN TO**  
**END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC)**

**WHEREAS**, the National Federation of Supreme Secondary Learner Government (NFSSLG) composed of all Regional Federation Presidents, is the highest level of the learner government program under the DepEd's Bureau of Learner Support Services–Youth Formation Division.

**WHEREAS**, the NFSSLG is committed to creating safe schools that prioritize the well-being of every learner, with a particular focus on addressing Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC);

**WHEREAS**, the "*Violence against women and their children*" as defined by Section 3 of the Republic Act No. 9626, also known as the "Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004," refers to any act or a series of acts committed by any person against a woman who is his wife, former wife, or against a woman with whom the person has or had a sexual or dating relationship, or with whom he has a common child, or against her child whether legitimate or illegitimate, within or without the family abode, which result in or is likely to result in physical, sexual, psychological harm or suffering, or economic abuse including threats of such acts, battery, assault, coercion, harassment or arbitrary deprivation of liberty.

**WHEREAS**, alarming statistics from the Philippine National Police and the 2017 National Demographic and Health Survey conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority reveal 7,424 cases of violations of the Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children in 2022, and one in four Filipino women aged 15-49 experiencing physical, emotional or sexual violence by their husband or partner;

**WHEREAS**, available data demonstrates that despite ongoing efforts to address gender gaps, violence against women and their children persists in the Philippines, with our learners in schools potentially being victims within their households;

**WHEREAS**, the Presidential Proclamation No. 1772, s. 2006 declares November 25 to December 12 of Every Year as the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10398 declares November 25 of Every Year as the National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and their Children.

**WHEREAS**, in Pursuant to the abovementioned national mandates, the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), in collaboration with the Inter-Agency Council on Violence Against Women and their Children (IACVAWC), spearheads the nationwide 2023 Observance of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) with the theme, UNITED for a VAW-free Philippines from November 25 to December 12, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, the NFSSLG, aligning with the MATATAG agenda of inclusive education, empowers the Supreme Secondary Learner Government to implement Gender and Development (GAD) programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) in line with the Department's mandate of providing gender-responsive basic education;

**WHEREAS**, the NFSSLG, embodying the "Makatao" core value of the Department of Education, recognizes that fostering a humane, compassionate, and socially responsible learning environment is integral to the holistic development of learners;

**WHEREAS**, the empowerment of learners through awareness campaigns is fundamental to the promotion of a conducive and nurturing learning atmosphere;

**WHEREAS**, a well-informed learner body is better equipped to recognize, challenge, and actively prevent instances of violence against women and their children within the school community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NFSSLG**, to empower the Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG) to spearhead initiatives in Observance of the 18-Day campaign to end Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC);

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the NFSSLG encourages the SSLGs to develop and implement comprehensive awareness programs within the school community to educate learners about the manifestations, impact, and prevention of VAWC;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the NFSSLG encourages the SSLGs to become advocates for change by organizing workshops, seminars, and peer-led initiatives that actively engage the learner community in discussions about gender-based violence;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the NFSSLG encourages the SSLGs to establish safe spaces within the school environment for open dialogue on issues related to VAWC, providing students with a supportive environment to share their experiences and seek help;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the NFSSLG encourages the SSLGs to collaborate with local and national organizations, such as the School's Gender and Development Club as well as relevant authorities, to enhance the effectiveness of the awareness campaigns;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the NFSSLG encourages the SSLGs to collaborate with external organizations and local services to create a resource hub within the school, connecting students and families with support services related to violence prevention.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the NFSSLG encourages the SSLGs to utilize social media and digital platforms to amplify awareness campaigns and to participate in the online campaign under the hashtags #VAWfreePH and #VowToEndVAW, with the design and specifications that can be accessed through this link: [<https://tinyurl.com/PCWMaterials>]

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the NFSSLG encourages and empowers its learners to be unwavering advocates against VAWC by taking proactive and decisive action by reporting any cases of violence against children and women within the community;

**FINALLY**, the NFSSLG extends an earnest appeal for the active and unwavering support of the school administration, teachers and staff, parents, and all other stakeholders in the collective pursuit of ending violence against women and their children within the community;

**ADOPTED this 3rd Day of December, 2023.**

  
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