

**HONORABLE WIN GATCHALIAN**  
Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Basic Education  
Senate of the Philippines  
Pasay City

Dear **Senator GATCHALIAN,**

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports **Senate Resolution Numbered 454** entitled, **“Resolution Directing the Senate Committee on Basic Education to Conduct an Inquiry, In Aid of Legislation, On the Status of the Implementation of Republic Act No. 10627, Otherwise Known As *“The Anti-Bullying Act of 2013”*, for the Purpose of Formulating and Recommending Policy and Legislative Interventions for its Effective Enforcement”**, authored by the Honorable Chairperson.

The DSWD respectfully recommends the following:


1. To direct the Department of Health (DOH) to initiate counseling sessions in all schools, both public and private, that have cases of bullying.
2. To recommend that the Department of Education (DepEd) explore partnerships with registered and licensed Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) that implement programs and services protecting children in schools from all forms of abuse, such as discrimination and bullying as this would effectively help the Child Protection Committee (CPC) of DepEd in advocating the prevention of bullying at the school level.
3. To consider including Case Management to strengthen rehabilitative intervention for both the bullied and the bullies.
4. To direct national government agencies to undertake regular campaigns on anti-bullying to increase awareness of this phenomenon, its causes, expressions, behaviours, and consequences.
5. **WHEREAS No. 10, Line 8, on DepEd’s Department Order No. 40, s.2012**, ensuring that the Child Protection Committee includes security personnel, and providing for capacity building sessions in handling cases of bullying and related situations.

6. **WHEREAS No. 13**, on the IRR of RA No. 10627 re-establishing and reconstituting the CPC as the Anti-Bullying Committee that will handle bullying cases in public or private schools, ensuring that referral mechanisms to appropriate agencies or organizations are provided as may be required by circumstances.

This is being submitted for the Chairperson's consideration.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
REX GATCHALIAN  
Secretary  
Date: MAR 17 2023