



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAVAO ORIENTAL

OFFICIAL STATEMENT
(on the CTMCES-I incident)

The Schools Division of Davao Oriental is saddened of the incident that had happened at Comara T. Manuel Central-I Elementary School -SPED CENTER. We are issuing this official statement to convey the true facts and circumstances underlying the incident in order that the public can be guided of the situation. This incident happened at around 3pm, Tuesday, September 17, 2024, where the learners inside their classroom are having their break time after their class under the adviser. Later that period, the learners are having their next class under the religion teacher where the two pupils conversed and thereafter, one of them pushed the other child named Althea S. Gaviola. This resulted to the bumping of the latter's head to the side edge of the desk resulting to a minor redness on the skin in the lower left part of the head, slightly above the left ear of the child. The class adviser then took care of the affected learner and then called the attention of the parents so the child can be referred to the hospital for check-up.

Thereafter, the grandparent of the child came and fetched the latter and since the grandparent did not see any injury aside from the redness on the small portion of the lower left of the head, the grandparent decided to go home. Then, on their way home, they have communicated the parent of the other child who caused the pushing incident to assist also.

After then, the teacher is in close contact with the parents to follow up the status of the child and convinced them for the check-up to evaluate the situation.

The child was observed to be at normal condition by the parents at first but still the adviser encouraged them after giving them an amount to proceed for the medical check-up.

They went to the TAGUM MISSION HOSPITAL and then was referred to TAGUM REGIONAL HOSPITAL for Medical care and custody. The child was set for Medical Operation which was done on September 18, 2024. The class adviser assisted the parents in all stages in the hope to save the child but the Hospital made the declaration of Death on September 25, 2024 at 12:30 of noon time.

The School including the Teachers and staff have contributed a fund for assistance for the wake of the child at Lupon, Davao Oriental. The DepEd Family of Davao Oriental has raised funds to be given for Assistance to the Bereaved Family.

This is a very unfortunate event that had happened in one of our schools and we are doing our best to at least alleviate the situation. We have given the financial assistance to the family on the part of the adviser, teachers, the school and the division which is still in continued efforts even up to now. We implore everyone to help also especially in the expenses of hospitalization, burial and for the family of the child.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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