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To

All the Principals/Headmasters,
Government / Private Sr. Sec./High Schools,
Himachal Pradesh

Subject:- *Regarding Blue whale Game-A Menace.*

Memo,

On the above cited subject, your school students probably know about the Blue Whale Game Challenge because of the media report around this issue. Due to which, there is a need to take urgent measures to guide the students and regularly interact with them to avoid any mishaps.

In view of the aforementioned position, you are directed to indispensably ensure the following in your Educational Institutions to avoid and prevent any mishaps/unwanted incidents:-


1. All Educational Institutions needs to promote a safe and secure educational environment for effective teaching and learning and to discourage students such actions as are detrimental to them and the value system. The Educational Institutions are, thus, advised to take measures to preempt any inappropriate and illegal activity through IT enabled devices in schools.
2. Talk to all school students regularly. Explore the online world together and engage the students in interesting activities demonstrating ethical and safe online behaviour.
3. It may always be ensured that all school students accesses/ use internet from a computer in the presence of a teacher.
4. Observe all the school students behaviour closely. Be alert to any unusual changes in any student/ child like moodiness, less or no communication, lack of interest in studies and falling grades. If you noticed any such changes in any student/ child, closely

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monitor his/her online activities, counsel him/her, talk to his / her parents or you can consult a child psychologist with consent of his/ her parents.

5. If, it is found that the student/child is already playing the Blue Whale Game, immediately stop him/her from using the internet from any devices and his / her parents may be informed, immediately.
6. It may be ensured that the school students may access the online sites which do not promote unethical behaviour or violence.
7. Use parental controls on all the devices used by student. Monitor the screen time and keep an eye on his/her online activities.
8. All the parents may be advised to become a role model to their children/ wards and may be advised to keep a close watch on their wards.
9. All the parents may be advised to share their concerns, if any, and discuss the same with school teacher.
10. The parents of the students be apprised about the "Blue Whale Game" and requested to be vigilant about the activities of their child / ward at Home.

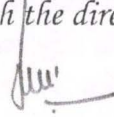
The aforementioned instructions may be adhered to strictly in letter and spirit and any laxity in this regard will be viewed seriously.


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Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Principal Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. The Branch Officer, Inspection Cell of this Directorate.
3. All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education in Himachal Pradesh, with the directions to ensure all of above.
4. The Superintendent (G-II), IT Cell, with the direction to upload the same on the Departmental website.
5. Guard file.


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