## GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH (HEALTH) OLD SECRETARIAT: DELHI – 110054

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## CIRCULAR

Sub: School's preparedness to prevent Heat Related Illness (HRI) - Regarding.

As the day time temperature in Delhi crosses more than 40 degree Celsius during summer season, it is detrimental to the health of children and adolescents studying in schools. The rise in temperature in NCR can led to increased instances of heat-related illnesses like exhaustion, dehydration, diarrhoea and vomiting among citizens.

Since children are one of the most vulnerable groups so a few steps need to be taken to counter effect these heat related illness. Thus all heads of Govt./Govt. Aided/ Pvt. Unaided recognized schools under the Directorate of Education are directed to adopt following measures for circulating awareness and adoption of appropriate measures for protection of school children from HRI.

- 1. Avoid students' assembly in the schools during afternoon shift.
- 2. Ensure availability of drinking water to students in Schools.
- 3. Students should be given water breaks during classes.
- 4. Sensitize students to cover their head (use umbrella, hat, cap, towel, and other traditional head gears) during direct exposure to sunlight i.e. while leaving/coming to schools during day time.
- 5. Ensure availability and proper functioning of fans in the class rooms.
- 6. Report any case of heat related illness to nearby health facility/hospital.

All DDEs (Districts/Zones) are requested to ensure the compliance of the same

This issues with the prior approval of competent authority.

Sanjay Subhas Kumar DDE (School)

All Heads of Govt./Govt. Aided/Pvt. Unaided Recognized Schools under the Directorate of Education through DEL-E.

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Copy to:-

- 1. PA to Director (Education).
- 2. PA to Addl. DE (Schools).
- 3. All DDEs (Districts /Zones) to monitor & ensure the compliance please.
- 4. Programmer (MIS) for uploading on MIS.
- 5. Guard File.

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