MEMORANDUM TO:

Chief Education Supervisors, SGOD & CID
Secondary School Principals
Officers-In-Charge
Public Schools only

INVITATION TO SPARK 2019

Attached is a Regional Advisory No. 227, s. 2018 dated December 13, 2018, re: Invitation to SPARK 2019: The Role of the Youth in Gender Empowerment, the contents of which are self-explanatory, for information.

Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

JOEL T. TORRECAMPO
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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For more details, please contact Ms. Jamie C. Cabrera, Communications Director at mobile number 0936.408.15.29 or through email: ignitecpag.spark@gmail.com.

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WILFREDO E. CABRAL
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

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December 8, 2018

Wilfredo E. Cabral
Officer-In-Charge - Regional Director
Department of Education - National Capital Region

Dear Sir:

Greetings!

The Initiative for Genuine Involvement, Transparency and Empowerment (IGNITE), is a political formation based at the National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG) - University of the Philippines, Diliman, built on the pillars of nationalist, reformist and progressive principles and ideas, seeking to serve our student constituency, the University, and the nation through instituting reforms under the banner of good governance.

This November, IGNITE would be conducting a nationwide leadership training and freedom of information seminar for high school student leaders entitled “SPARK 2019: The Role of the Youth in Gender Empowerment”. This event is free of charge and snacks will be provided. It will be held on 19th of January, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and on 20th of January, 9:00 AM to 12:00 NN, in the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City.

In line with this, we would like to request for the endorsement of this event. Rest assured that the said activity would contribute to the knowledge and skills our young leaders need to be able to genuinely serve the whole student body, and in the future, our country.

Should you have any concern, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or email us at ignitencpag.spark@gmail.com.

Thank you very much for reading through our letter. We do hope that you are one with us in our advocacy of pushing for a more transparent and accountable government and of developing and training our young leaders.

Very truly yours,

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To express oneself on the basis of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) has been a long-running struggle. Despite many efforts to stand dignified and proud, still, harassment and discrimination continue to proliferate in society. Based on the report of Human Rights Watch, secondary education students who are members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBTQIA+) community do not take their schools as safe spaces to express their identity. Their experiences have been associated with bullying, lack of resources, and on the extreme cases, sexual assaults. In response to the problem, several policymakers proposed the SOGIE Equality Bill. This is an act that seeks to protect the members of the LGBTQIA+ community by prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. While the bill has been passed on the third reading in the House of Representatives, it is still debated in the Senate. The delay in Congress in the passage of the bill calls us to intensify our campaigns and reach as many Filipinos especially the Youth sector.

The youth has always been at the forefront of key events in the world. They possess the enthusiasm and energy to be agents of change and transform the society. In this year’s SPARK, we will harness that potential.

SPARK 2019: The Role of the Youth in Gender Empowerment aims to (1) raise the awareness of the youth on the struggles and victories of the LGBTQIA+ community, (2) equip the youth with the necessary skills they need to formulate and implement programs that will put an end to discrimination and harassment and (3) empower them to promote safety and inclusivity in their schools and their communities. SPARK shall provide workshops and will act as a training ground for these student leaders to be advocates of gender equality, and empowerment for all. As the youth being the future leaders of the country, they should be at the forefront of battling any kind of discrimination against gender.

General Reminders
1. SPARK is a two-day event which is free of charge.
2. Schools can send 10-15 students to the event. Interested schools or student leaders should confirm attendance on or before January 13, 2019 through this link: bit.ly/sparkrsvp
3. Students are advised to bring packed lunch.
4. Students must wear their school uniforms (PE uniforms are allowed) and bring their IDs for easier identification.
5. For updates, you may visit fb.com/ignite.ncpag