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The Principals/Headmistresses
Akai Academies

Sub. Regarding (i) use of black board (ii) monitoring of homework given by Akai Academies.

We have received reports from Facilitators, Zonal Directors as well as Mega Cluster Heads that in almost all academies some teachers, particularly Hindi and Social Science teachers of primary classes, are in the habit of writing answers on the board and making the student to copy those answers and subsequently memorize the same. Repeated guidelines and warnings have been issued in this regard that the teachers should write only salient or key words on the board and the children encouraged to frame their own sentences. **Copying blindly** from the black board or **from dictations given by the teachers** kills the child's creativity with **disastrous consequences**. This advice is being rendered for the last time now. Any such case coming to light in future would be taken very seriously and will definitely have an adverse effect on the increment of the concerned teacher, the coordinator and the Head of the school.

2. Consequent upon the demand of the parents, school timings for the summer months have been reduced by one hour. We had earlier issued instructions that in order to maintain academic standards, homework must be given to all students beyond class II. This should be well planned so that specific days are allotted for giving homework for each subject. About 30 minutes of written work should be given for both Mathematics and English every day. In addition, for Science and Social Science, homework should be given thrice a week for grades VI to X (twice a week for grades III to V). For Hindi and Punjabi it should be given twice a week.
3. It has been observed that in most Akai Academies written homework is not being given regularly. Wherever given, it is not being checked diligently. This is bound to adversely affect the academics of the school.

In order to ensure careful scrutiny of the homework exercise books, two options are being envisaged:

- Option I:** The students shall leave school at 3.00 p.m. but the staff shall stay back till 4.00 p.m. During this time they will be expected to evaluate the homework as well as make teaching preparations for the next day.
- Option II:** Staff members shall carry homework notebooks of atleast 2 sections to their home for doing correction.

All Mega Cluster Heads are hereby directed to discuss this matter with the head of the schools under their charge and prepare detailed lists of the options exercised by each teacher for their respective schools. Those opting to carry the notebooks home must be monitored and record maintained of the notebooks carried by them to their home each day and brought back the next day after due corrections.

Yours sincerely,


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