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Government of Pakistan  
Ministry of Federal Education and  
Professional Training

Islamabad the, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

Subject: DECISIONS OF 20<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF INTER-PROVINCIAL  
EDUCATION MINISTERS CONFERENCE (IPEMC) HELD ON  
07<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear

I am directed to apprise you of the decisions made by the Inter Provincial Education Ministers' Conference (IPEMC) dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to reopen educational institutions in three phases, adherence to SOP's and review of situation on a continuous basis.

2. The Inter Provincial Education Minister's Conference (IPEMC) has concurred to following decisions;

- (i). Educational institutions imparting education to Class 9<sup>th</sup> and above (high schools, colleges, universities, training institutions offering pre-service as well as in service trainings, academies, tuition centres etc.) and their corresponding educational institutions imparting religious as well as technical and vocational education and training will open from 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020. However, exceptions can be made for the few institutions that are not yet ready to reopen by the provincial governments in rare cases. Such institutions may delay their re-opening on account of unavoidable reasons with permission of their controlling authorities in Phase-I.
- (ii). After review of above educational institutions, classes 6 to 8 and their corresponding educational institutions imparting religious as well as technical and vocational education, if any, will open on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.
- (iii). Thereafter on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, after review of above educational institutions, classes up to grade 5 and their corresponding institutions imparting religious education, if any, will open on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
- (iv). Non-Formal educational institutions are allowed to resume their educational activities from 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
- (v). Educational Institution may carry out assessments to measure the effects of school closures on students learning.
- (vi). The educational institutions / training institutions will not allow entry of students without face masks. It is crucial to follow SOPs like avoiding excess density of students, keeping at least a distance of 6 feet and ensuring proper hand washing facility for the faculty and students.
- (vii). Where required the students will be asked to attend classes on alternate dates or in double shifts as decided by provincial authorities to avoid congestion in the class rooms and premises of schools.

- (viii). Educational institutions / training institutions will arrange symptom based testing of their students regularly for early detection.
- (ix). After the reopening of education institutions / training institutions, monitoring of pandemic COVID-19 will continue at Federal (NCOC) as well as provincial level to keep a check on number of COVID positive cases to prevent spread of disease.
- (x). In case of alarming rise in cases, local, administration will decide closure of educational institution / training institution for some appropriate time period.
- (xi). Provinces / Areas will approach the federation separately to have assistance in implementation of SOPs announced for educational institutions, if so required.

3. Therefore, it is requested to kindly ensure that all education departments and administrative structures under your domain, including those which oversee private educational and training institutions are properly conveyed IPEMC decision of staggered opening of educational institutions in three phases beginning with 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2020 with strict compliance of SOPs developed for safe school reopening.

  
(Aiysha Khalid)

**The Chief Secretaries of  
Governments of the Punjab, Sindh,  
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Baluchistan,  
Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan.**

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- (ii). All Heads of Educational & Training Institutions under M/o Federal Education and Professional Training, Islamabad.

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