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CISCE/Circular/2025-26

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To: All Heads of CISCE Affiliated Schools

**Subject: Establishing 'Sugar Boards' in Schools to Monitor and Reduce Sugar Intake among Children**

Dear Principal,

This is in reference to the letter no. 227850/NCPCR-CH(1)/2022-23/PART-2/DD41720 dated 26 May 2025 received from the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), New Delhi regarding establishing 'Sugar Boards' in Schools to Monitor and Reduce Sugar intake among Children. **A copy of the letter is attached herewith for your kind perusal.**

The rise of Type 2 diabetes in children is linked to excessive sugar consumption, especially from sugary snacks and drinks available in schools. Children aged 4 to 18 consume sugar well above the recommended limit of 5%, increasing health risks like obesity and metabolic disorders. To address this issue, NCPCR strongly recommended the establishment of 'Sugar Boards'. These boards should regulate the marketing and sale of sugary products in and around schools. This initiative aims to protect children's health and ensure a safer, healthier environment for their growth.

Considering the above, all schools are requested to:

1. **Establish 'Sugar Boards'** – visual information displays aimed at educating students about the risks of excessive sugar intake. These boards should provide essential information, including the recommended daily sugar intake, the sugar content in commonly consumed foods (unhealthy meals such as junk food, cold drinks, etc), health risks associated with high sugar consumption and healthier dietary alternatives. These 'Sugar Boards' should be prominently displayed in school cafeterias, classrooms and common areas, ensuring that students receive continuous awareness regarding the risks of excessive sugar consumption.
2. Integrate this initiative into the school's health and nutrition programmes, conduct periodic sugar awareness activities/workshops and collaborate with healthcare professionals to reinforce the importance of balanced dietary habits.

Schools are requested to share a brief report of their initiatives, along with a few photographs, in PDF format with [divyagupta.ncpcr@gov.in](mailto:divyagupta.ncpcr@gov.in) and [council@cisce.org](mailto:council@cisce.org) on or before **15<sup>th</sup> July 2025**.

It may be noted that this is a mandatory initiative, therefore, you are requested to take prompt action as mandated above.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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Encl: As mentioned above



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To,

**Chairman, ICSE**

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**Subject- Regarding Establishing 'Sugar Boards' in Schools to Monitor and Reduce Sugar Intake Among Children.**

**Sir/Madam,**

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is a statutory body formed under section (3) of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 (No.4 of 2006) to ensure that rights of the children are protected especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. NCPCR under section (13) (1)(j) of CPCR Act, 2005 has mandate to inquire into the matters pertaining to violation and deprivation of rights and entitlements of children and other related provisions for children provided under the Constitution of India. In addition, the Commission has also been mandated to monitor the implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (section 109, JJ Act, 2015), the Right to Education Act, 2009 and Protection of children from Sexual offences Act, 2012.

2. Over the past decade, there has been a significant increase in Type 2 diabetes among children, a condition once primarily seen in adults. This alarming trend is largely attributed to high sugar intake, often due to the easy availability of sugary snacks, beverages, and processed foods within school environments. The excessive consumption of sugar not only increases the risk of diabetes but also contributes to obesity, dental problems, and other metabolic disorders, ultimately impacting children's long-term health and academic performance. Studies indicate that sugar constitutes 13% of daily calorie intake for children aged 4 to 10 and 15% for those aged 11 to 18—substantially exceeding the recommended limit of 5%. The proliferation of sugary snacks, beverages, and processed foods, often readily available in school environments, contributes significantly to this excessive intake.



3. To address this issue, the Commission strongly recommends that all schools under your jurisdiction establish 'Sugar Boards'—visual information displays aimed at educating students about the risks of excessive sugar intake. **These boards should provide essential information, including the recommended daily sugar intake, the sugar content in commonly consumed foods (unhealthy meals such as junk food, cold drinks, etc.), health risks associated with high sugar consumption, and healthier dietary alternatives.** By implementing this initiative, schools can encourage informed food choices and promote long-term health benefits among students.
4. We request your esteemed office to kindly issue an official circular to all schools under your jurisdiction, directing them to establish Sugar Boards as a mandatory initiative. This circular should instruct schools to prominently display these boards in cafeterias, classrooms, and common areas, ensuring that students receive continuous awareness regarding the risks of excessive sugar consumption. Schools should also be encouraged to integrate this initiative into their health and nutrition programs, conduct periodic sugar-awareness activities/ workshops, and collaborate with healthcare professionals to reinforce the importance of balanced dietary habits. Your prompt action in issuing this directive will contribute significantly to promoting a healthier school environment and safeguarding the well-being of children.
5. A copy of circular, along with the details of the sugar boards displayed by the schools and workshops conducted may kindly be shared with NCPDR on [divyagupta.ncpdr@gov.in](mailto:divyagupta.ncpdr@gov.in) within 30 days times.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Dr. Divya Gupta)