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CIRCULAR-LETTER No. 19/07 MINESEC/SG/DRH/SDSSAPPS 11 SEPT. 2007  
CONCERNING CREATION OF "SMOKE-FREE AREAS"  
AND ANTI-TOBACCO CLUBS IN THE SCHOOL SETTING

The Ministry of Secondary Education  
TO

- Provincial Delegates;
- Departmental Delegates;
- National Secretaries of Education;
- Physicians – Heads of IMS;
- Heads of School Institutions;

It has been made known to me, from a study conducted by the Association to Fight Addiction and Mental Illness (LUTOMA – *Association pour la Lutte contre la Toxicomanie et les Maladies Mentales*) in 2004, that 44.82% of school children are exposed to tobacco use. The age bracket most affected by the harmful effects of tobacco is the young population.

Bearing in mind the pertinent provisions of the Law of Educational Guidance in Cameroon, of the obligation to guarantee a wholesome environment for our students, and measures seeking to implement the law governing advertising, especially with regard to tobacco use, I call upon each one of you as it falls within your concern:

- To make school institutions into "Smoke-Free Areas" (*'Free-Smoke Schools'* [sic]). A sign displaying the statement "X School / X High School or X ENIET\* is a smoke-free area" should be posted at the main entrance of each educational institution. In the classrooms, offices and hallways of the buildings, notices are to be posted stating the same message;

[\* Teaching Academy for Technical Education Instructors (INIET – *École Normale d'Instituteurs de l'Enseignement Technique*) ]

To organize preventive education actions for different personnel categories in offices in school institutions and for students;

And to create anti-tobacco clubs within educational institutions;

I shall require scrupulous adherence to the provisions contained in the present circular letter.

Distribution:

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