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Circular No. 21

To,

- All the Heads of the schools affiliated to the CBSE

Subject:- An advisory on use of leather shoes/accessories as a part of the school uniforms-reg

Sir/Madam,

Protection of the environment needs to be practised as much as it is preached. There is no dispute that leather comes at a huge environmental and animal welfare cost. The production of leather from animals involves highly toxic chemicals and use of which can be reduced sizably if the usage of leather shoes is not made mandatory in schools.

Therefore, all schools should be encouraged to consider the eco friendly option of canvas shoes, which are more resistant to wear and tear, more comfortable and relatively inexpensive. Canvas shoes are anyway prescribed for sports purposes and can easily be used for everyday wear eliminating the need for maintaining multiple pairs.

Considering the concerns and to reduce the environmental impact caused by school uniforms, this may be considered as a tangible step forward.

Yours faithfully,

(U.C. BODH)

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- The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi- 16: for information and necessary action
- The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Institutional Area, Sector-62, NOIDA-201307: for information and necessary action
- The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi- 110054: for information and necessary action
- The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh- 160017: for information and necessary action