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To all the Heads of Institutions
Affiliated to CBSE

Sub: Admission to Class XI and Pass Criteria for Class IX/XI

Sir,

As you are aware that the Board has prescribed pass criteria for Class IX & XI in the Examination Bye-Laws of CBSE and the same is as under:-

Rule 40.1(vi) "in order to be declared as having passed the Class XI Examination a candidate shall obtain 33% marks in all the subjects. The pass marks in each subject of examination shall be 33%. In case of subject involving practical work a candidate must obtain 33% marks in theory and 33% in practical separately in addition to 33% marks in aggregate in order to qualify in that subject."

Rule 41.1(vi) "in order to be declared as having passed in Class IX Examination a candidate shall obtain 33% marks in all the subjects. The pass marks in each subject of examination shall be 33%."

It is learnt that some schools have framed pass criteria on their own which leads detention of a large number of students in Class IX & XI. This is clear violation of the Rules of Examination Bye-Laws which the schools are supposed to abide by in its true spirit. This is not a healthy practice and, therefore, must be stopped forthwith.

It is, therefore, reiterated that the pass criteria as laid down by the CBSE under Rules 40.1(vi) and 41.1(vi) be implemented by all the schools.

Non-compliance of the instructions would be viewed seriously and the Board will be constrained to take stern action against the erring schools to protect the interest of the students' concerned.

Yours faithfully,

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