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To,

The Director, Secondary Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar  
The President, Board of Secondary Education, Odisha, Cuttack

Sub : Reopening of Schools for Students of Class- IX for the Academic Session 2021-22.

Sir,

On the subject cited above, I am directed to say that Government have been pleased to allow reopening of Schools in respect of Class-IX of Government, Government Aided and Private Educational Institutions coming under the jurisdiction of S&ME Department and are supposed to appear the Examinations under BSE, Odisha, CBSE and ICSE and other Boards recognised by Government of Odisha w.e.f. **16<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**.

The teaching hour for Class-IX students will be **from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.** excluding Sundays and Public Holidays. The students are allowed to attend classes either on Online mode or Offline mode in consultation with their parents. Attendance is not mandatory for students in Offline mode. The earlier SoP issued vide this Department letter No.12787/SME dt.17.07.2021 should be followed strictly. The Hostels for Class-IX students will also start operating from **16<sup>th</sup> August, 2021** and the SoP issued by this Department vide letter No.13101/SME dt.21.07.2021 will also be applicable while opening the Hostels for Class-IX students.

However the guidelines issued by Health & Family Welfare Department and SRC-cum-ACS (DM) from time to time will be followed strictly. Besides, all the stakeholders are to follow Covid Appropriate Behaviour scrupulously.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Secretary to Government



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Additional Secretary to Government

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