

DLSU-D SHS SC

The Student Council takes the stand against this issue as we firmly believe in these reasons:

- Lowering the MACR will **NOT** lower the crime rates. Only 1.72% of reported are committed by children
- This won't hinder the syndicates into using the children for committing crimes
- There won't be enough facilities for these children.
- Jail is **NOT** the right environment for misbehaved children.
- Children are **NOT** tantamount with adults in terms of decision-making, impulse control, self-development, and overall maturity.
- Lowering the MACR contradicts the laws of children under the age of 18 being prohibited to vote, marry, or have a driver's license. And yet, officials would allow them to be imprisoned in jails as mere minors.
- The poor will be the most affected (**Anti-poor**).

Children are vulnerable and inexperienced human beings who are often taken advantage of by dangerous syndicates. Once the MACR is officially lowered, we might see children of young age who should've been enjoying their innocent childhood but instead they are suffering behind the cold and cruel bars for a decision or action they don't have a complete control over.

We must take this into consideration before we take a final decision in this issue.