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## Addressing moral decay in schools

THE Education Ministry should embed legal literacy within the curriculum, particularly under Pendidikan Moral and Islamic Studies, to educate students about consent, respect and the severe penalties under the Penal Code for sexual crimes.

Co-curricular activities, such as organising talks with the Royal Malaysia Police and NGOs, can complement this measure.

Peer-led advocacy clubs and counselling initiatives should also be introduced in schools to foster empathy and responsible relationships.

Protecting our youth requires not only strict laws but also informed hearts and minds. Education must be the first line of defence against moral decay.

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