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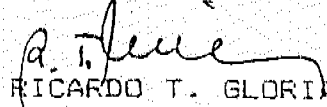
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REQUIRING ALL GRADE ONE ENTRANTS TO UNDERGO HEALTH EXAMINATION

To: Bureau/Cultural Agency Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Health care as a child's birthright is DECS' basic concern and responsibility. This as an imperative, requires the conduct of health examination to all grade one entrants.
2. Health examination is a basic prerequisite of the DECS for all children before entering grade one. This activity allows an experience that will promote a positive attitude among children towards the doctor, the dentist and the nurse, thus, reducing the stigma of fear they harbor towards them. More importantly, diagnostic assessment is an early health warning tool that will provide scientific bases for appropriate disease management and health care.
3. Considering the initial implementation during the National School Enrolment Day (NSED) which started in January to the end of Summer 1995, most regions were able to examine 80 to 90% of grade one pupils. Those found with defects were given appropriate treatment/intervention.
4. Beginning the school year 1996-1997 and onward, all pupils entering grade one must be examined. All school medical officers, dentists and nurses are therefore instructed to perform physical examination on 80% target of said enrollees. The support of various sectors like the Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Medical Association (PMA), Philippine Dental Association (PDA), and Philippine Nursing Association (PNA) should be solicited to augment school resources.
5. School administrators and other concerned officials are enjoined to oversee the implementation of the above activity. Reports shall be prepared by the Health and Nutrition Sections/Units for submission to the Secretary through the School Health and Nutrition Center.
6. Widest and immediate dissemination of this Order is desired.


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Secretary

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