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2012 NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY WEEK



To : Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), in collaboration with other government and non-government organizations (NGOs) will celebrate the **2012 National Intellectual Disability Week** on February 13-19, 2012 pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1385 entitled, "National Mental Retardation Week." The celebration is also part of the observance of the Philippine Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2003-2012) as outlined in Presidential Proclamation No. 240. This year's theme is "*Developing Survival Skills Among Children with Intellectual Disabilities.*"
2. This Department encourages all schools especially those with Special Education (SPED) programs to conduct any of the following suggested school/division/region-based activities to support the week-long celebration:
 - a. institutionalizing day camp activities for children with intellectual disability for the development of skills towards survival and coping mechanisms of the present times;
 - b. conducting advocacy campaign in radio, television and print media featuring children and youth with intellectual disability as child advocates;
 - c. conducting dialogues with parents, service providers and stakeholders relevant to the theme of the celebration;
 - d. conducting regional/division-wide trainings/conferences for parents, school administrators and other government and non-government service providers to improve and enhance the quality of existing collaboration; and
 - e. holding cultural shows, sportsfest, photo and work exhibits, film showing featuring the latest educational interventions and other activities which will showcase the potential capabilities of children and youth with intellectual disabilities.
3. All activities to be undertaken should not disrupt regular classes nor compromise their supervision pursuant to DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled "*Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.*" All activities that are community-based should be conducted during Saturdays and Sundays of the week.
4. The DepEd-National Capital Region (NCR) in coordination with the Special Education (SPED) Unit, Elementary Education Division (EED), SPED-BEE, the

Philippine Association for the Retarded (PAR), Jaycees Capitol, Inc., (JCI)-Quezon City, Manila Water (MW) and the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) will sponsor the Annual Camp Pag-ibig at Balara Filter Plant, Quezon City on February 18-19, 2012.

5. For more information, concerned personnel and officials or organizations may visit the SPED Division of the BEE at the 2nd Floor, Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City or contact this office with telephone no.: (02) 631-9993 or visit the website: www.camppag-ibig.com.ph.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary 

References: DepEd Order No.: (9, s. 2005)
DepEd Memorandum No.: (11, s. 2011)

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