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Department of Education

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18TH NATIONAL AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

To: Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. The 18th National Autism Consciousness Week will be celebrated on January 19-25, 2014 pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 711 dated January 4, 1996. This year's theme is *Katuparan ng mga Karapatan ng Pilipinong May Autismo: Isulong Mo, Ngayon Na!*.

2. The week-long celebration aims to generate awareness, acceptance, understanding and call for actions for people with autism to provide equal rights, access to education, services and facilities.

3. In support to this occasion, all public and private schools, especially schools with programs for Children with Autism and Special Education (SPED) Centers, are encouraged to undertake any of the following activities, provided that the engaged Time-On-Task Policy shall be observed as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005:

- a. Hanging of streamers; and
- b. Conduct of the following:
 - Poster/Art Exhibits;
 - Orientation/Training on Informal Assessment/Identification of Children with Autism;
 - Community and Parents' Forum on possible employment of Persons with Autism; and
 - Week-long exhibit on educational services offered to Children with Autism.

4. For those at the National Capital Region (NCR), they may participate in the following activities:

Date	Activities	Venue
January 19, 2014 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Ecumenical Mass	Arena, SM Mall of Asia (MOA), Pasay City
	Opening Program for the Week-long Celebration	
	Angels Walk for Autism	Arena SM MOA Pasay City
January 20-23, 2014 9:00 a.m.	Art Exhibit and Workshop	House of Representatives Quezon City
January 20-24, 2014	Orientation on Educational and Work Assessment for Children and Youth with Autism	To be identified by the region in coordination with NCDA/PACDLD
January 24, 2014 8:00 a.m.	Employing Persons with Autism: Forum and Sensitivity Training	United Laboratories (UNILAB)
January 25, 2014 8:00 a.m.	Advocacy Activity of Adults with Autism	SM Bacoor (Tentative)

5. For more information, all concerned may contact **Ms. Nancy C. Pascual** of the Special Education Division (SPED), Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE), DepEd Central office, 2nd Floor, Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone no.: (02) 631-9993 or through email address: sped_bee.deped@yahoo.com.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 230, s. 2012

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