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2016 NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

To: Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 829 dated November 8, 1991 entitled *Declaring the Period from November 10 to 16 of Every Year as the Deaf Awareness Week*, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID), in coordination with the Hard of Hearing Group Philippines, will lead the **2016 National Observance of the Deaf Awareness Week (DAW)** with the theme *One World for Deaf Inclusion in Society*. The New Vois Association of the Philippines Inc. and the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) will host this year's Celebration.
2. The Observance aims to raise public awareness and consciousness on deaf persons, and their important role in contributing to nation-building.
3. All public, private and Special Education (SPED) Centers and schools with SPED programs for the deaf are encouraged to undertake the following suggested activities:

Activity	Date	Venue/Time/Lead Agency
Kick-off Activities	November 10, 2016	Venue: Quezon City Hall Time: 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Part I – Holy Mass Part II – Cultural Presentation (Beauty Pageant) Lead Agencies: San Juan City Local Government Unit, Quezon City Social Services Development Department, Department of Tourism, Department of Energy and Natural Resources, and Caloocan City Local Government Unit
Consultative Dialogue with Deaf/Hard of Hearing Persons' Priority Concerns	November 11, 2016	Venue: Occupational Safety and Health Center (to be confirmed) Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lead Agencies: New Vois Association of the Philippines Inc., DepEd, and NCDA
Personality Development for the Deaf	November 14, 2016	Venue: Department of Interior and Local Government (to be confirmed) Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Lead Agencies: Miriam College-Southeast Asian Institute for the Deaf (MC-SAID), New Vois Association of the Philippines Inc., DepEd and NCDA

Hearing Assessment	November 10-16, 2016	Venue: Quezon City, PDAO Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Lead Agencies: Quezon City PDAO, University of Santo Tomas, Better Hearing Philippines, Department of Health
Products and Services Fair	November 14 - December 2, 2016	Venue: Quezon City Hall Covered Walk Lead Agency: Quezon City PDAO
Part I – Skills Competition (Deaf in Toque) Part II – Career Guidance for the Deaf	November 15, 2016	Venue: Quezon City Hall Inner Lobby Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lead Agencies: Quezon City Social Welfare and Development Department, Quezon City Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) and Commission of Higher Education
Closing Ceremony	November 16, 2016	Venue: Forum Robinsons, Pioneer Street corner EDSA, Mandaluyong Time: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Lead Agencies: Quezon City Social Welfare and Development Department, Quezon City, PDAO, PSD, NVAP Inc. and NCDA
Hanging of DAW streamers	November 10-16, 2016	Lead Agencies: NWC Members, DepEd, DILG and Civil Service Commission
Other DAW Activities:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text blasts on disability related messages • Lead Agencies: National Telecommunication Commission and Philippine Information Agency • Media announcements and guesting/press releases • Issuance and Circulation of Department Orders/Memorandum Circulars • Hearing Assessment 		

4. Moreover, the regional and the school division offices are enjoined to conduct other appropriate innovative and creative activities, which will not entail cost or will not disrupt classes.

5. All the abovementioned activities shall be in accordance with DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

6. For more information and inquiries, all concerned may contact either the **Bureau of Learning Delivery–Student Inclusion Division (BLD–SID)**, 4th Floor, Bonifacio Building, Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telefax no. (02) 631-9993 or send a message through email address: bld.sid@deped.gov.ph or the **Secretariat** at telephone nos. (02) 951-5013 and (02) 932-6422 local 111, mobile phone nos. 0920-906-2306 and 0920-9062-286 or through email address: iecdncda@gmail.com.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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 Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 138, s. 2015

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