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NATIONAL WORK-CONFERENCE ON THE DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

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

1. To ensure the systematic implementation of the drug testing program in the schools, this Department through School Health and Nutrition Center (SHNC) shall hold the National Work-Conference on the Drug Testing Program on September 16-18, 2003 at the Richville Mansion Hotel, Mandaluyong City.
2. Its main objective is to provide the participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to implement random drug testing (RDT) among high school students. Specifically, the Conference aims are to:
 - a. Provide a venue for sharing experiences/feedback on the actual drug testing of students in NCR;
 - b. Present the guidelines for the conduct of the random drug testing (RDT) of high school students;
 - c. Discuss testing procedures and the randomization process in selecting students for testing;
 - d. Explain the roles and functions of the drug testing coordinator, drug counselor, school health personnel, parents, teachers and staff of the drug testing centers;
 - e. Assess the implementation of the DepED's National Drug Education Program (NDEP); and
 - f. Prepare the regional/division implementation plan for the RDT and NDEP.
3. Attendance to this conference shall be on **official business**. Participants to this conference are the following: (1) 51- Regional NDEP Coordinators (3 per RO); 141- Division NDEP Coordinators; 20 - Representatives from DOH, DDB, PDEA, NYC, COCOPEA, TESDA, CHED, DILG.
4. After work-conference, the participants are expected to:
 - a. Conduct massive information campaign on RDT to teachers, students and parents;
 - b. Initiate the operationalization of RDT in the division, focusing on -
 1. Creation of each School's Selection Board;
 2. Random selection of schools and students; and
 3. Notification of the parents of randomly selected students for testing
 - c. Monitor RDT activities; 

- d. Coordinate with DOH/Regional Hospitals on the Schedule of RDT in the selected schools; and
- e. Submit reports to the Technical Committee on RDT of the Dangerous Drug Board.

5. Travelling expenses; board and lodging of participants, resource persons, facilitators and staff; honoraria of speakers, resource persons and facilitators; overtime pay of members of the secretariat, supplies, materials, rental of equipment (LCD, OHP, etc.) and other operational costs shall be chargeable against the budget of the NDEP, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

6. All participants are expected to check-in at the venue not earlier than 4:00 pm of September 15 and check-out will be after breakfast on September 19, 2003.

7. For further information, please contact the Health and Nutrition Center, DepEd at tel. no. (02) 633-7245; 632-1361 loc. 2154 or 2091; fax no. (02) 633-7245 and e-mail address: tgsantos@deped.gov.ph.

8. Immediate and wide dissemination of the Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

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