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2003 NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. The 2003 Deaf Awareness Week will be observed on November 9-15, 2003 pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 829 dated November 8, 1991. The theme of this year's celebration is "Talking Hands, Grateful Hearts".
2. All schools with Special Education (SPED) programs for the deaf are encouraged to undertake any or all of the following activities:
 - a. promote public awareness on the early detection, intervention and education of the deaf through parent conferences and symposia;
 - b. hold competitions in art, dance, song interpretation and sports;
 - c. visit historical and interesting places in other communities;
 - d. advocate the use of sign language in the community through the "Each one (deaf) teach one (hearing)" concept;
 - e. recognize outstanding teachers, parents and benefactors who have been serving the deaf community for at least five (5) years; and
 - f. conduct free hearing tests.
3. SPED schools and centers are requested to invite other agencies and organizations providing services to the deaf to join in the celebration of Deaf Awareness Week.
4. For further information, please contact Leticia Bertuimen, SPED Division, Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE) at telephone no. 631-9993.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS
Secretary

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