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SCHOOL HEALTH MONTH CELEBRATION

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

1. In compliance with Presidential Proclamation No. 471 dated September 22, 1994, the School Health Month will be celebrated in October with the theme "Malinis at Payapang Kapaligiran: Handog sa Kabataan".
2. This celebration aims to promote a healthful, friendly, safe and drug-free school and community environment to help create a better climate for the school children.
3. The month-long celebration shall be focused on the following special concerns:
 - First Week - School and Community Cleanliness and Sanitation Campaign
 - Second Week - School Children Oral Health Awareness Week
Launching of the Philippine "FRESH" (Focusing Resources for Effective School Health) Initiatives during the Sub-Regional Workshop on FRESH
 - Third Week - Delivery of Health and Nutrition Services
 - Fourth Week - Advocacy campaign on disease prevention and for a drug-free school and community
Conduct of "Patak sa Asin sa Paaralan" in Regions I, V, IX, CAR and ARMM
4. The regional directors, schools division/city superintendents and school administrators are encouraged to support School Health Month to ensure successful celebration. All school health and nutrition personnel, in close coordination with the school heads, are requested to take the lead in planning appropriate activities to be undertaken in their respective areas of assignment.
5. A brief narrative and pictorial report on the celebration shall be integrated by the Regional Health and Nutrition Unit personnel in their 4th Quarter Report for submission to the Health and Nutrition Center, DepED, 5th Floor, Mabini Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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