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2004 NATIONAL MENTAL RETARDATION WEEK

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
School Division/City Superintendents

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1385, this year's National Mental Retardation Week will be observed on February 14-20, 2004. The celebration is also part of the observance of the Philippine Disabled Persons, 2003-2012 as outlined in Presidential Proclamation No. 240. This year's theme is "Empowerment and Full Participation".

2. This Department, in collaboration with other government and non-government agencies is encouraging all schools especially those with SPED programs to conduct any of the following suggested activities during the week:

February 14-15 - Holding of cultural shows, camps, sportsfest, photo and work exhibits and other activities that will showcase the potential capabilities of children and youth with mental retardation.

16 - Conducting advocacy campaign in public places or in radio and television shows featuring children and youth with mental retardation as speakers on the topic "Life Experiences" or any other relevant topic.

17 - Allowing the public to visit schools and classes or other educational services provided to children and youth with mental retardation.

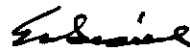
18 - Discussing best practices on the inclusion of children with mental retardation during teachers and parents meetings or in regular classes featuring success stories.

19 - Conducting dialogues with parents and other service providers to improve the educational services offered to children and youth with mental retardation.

20 - Conducting assemblies or conferences participated in by teachers, administrators, supervisors, parents and youth with mental retardation concerning programs that will promote their empowerment and full participation in the community.

3. At the National Capital Region (NCR), the Quezon City Government in coordination with the Special Education Division (SPED), Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE), and the Philippine Association for the Retarded (PAR) will sponsor the annual Camp Pag-ibig at Balara, Quezon City on February 15, 2004. Children enrolled in special classes in Regions III, IV-A and IV-B including teachers, administrators and supervisors are also invited to join the activity.

4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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