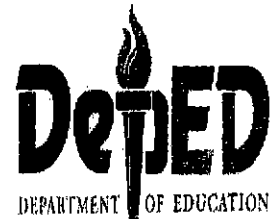




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NATIONAL SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION SUMMIT 2004

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

1. The Department of Education (DepED), through the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) will hold the National School Health and Nutrition Summit at the Benitez Hall, Senior Mess, Teachers Camp, Baguio City on October 11-13, 2004 to highlight the celebration of School Health Month in October, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 471 dated September 27, 1994.
2. Discussions and activities during the Summit shall focus on the theme "Engaging Communities Towards A Grand Alliance for a Responsive and Effective School Health" to underscore the importance and urgency of consolidating multi-sectoral initiatives for a concerted action to broaden the scope of the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program and make it more effective and responsive to the children's health needs and concerns, thus, contributing significantly to the attainment of EFA 2015 goals.
3. The summit aims to achieve the following objectives:
 - a) orient/update participants on the goals of EFA 2015, ECCD, CFSS-Health Promoting Schools and their responsibilities in the attainment of such goals;
 - b) present evidence base on the health and nutritional state of the Filipino children;
 - c) discuss the foundation and reasons behind the partnership to **Focus Resources for Effective School Health (FRESH)** – a world-wide initiative to bring together various stakeholders in school health;
 - d) enhance existing partnerships with local and foreign GOs, NGOs and civil societies;
 - e) showcase regional best practice health and nutrition programs/projects;
 - f) recognize the Winners of the Search for Outstanding School Dentists (DepED Memorandum No. 201, s. 2002);
 - g) foster camaraderie between and among school health and nutrition workers from various sectors, and forge commitments and grand alliances for school health.

4. Considering the relevance of this Summit towards the effective implementation of the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program for quality basic education, the following officials are allowed to attend **on official business**:

- Regional health and nutrition unit personnel
- All division schools medical officers
- Division dentists-in-charge
- Division nurses-in-charge
- Division dental aides-in-charge
- School health personnel from public and private secondary schools
- Officials from partner agencies – GOs and NGOs
- School administrators

5. Officials from partner agencies – PTCA, DOH, NNC, DSWD, DAS-NDA, CWC, Land O' Lakes Foundation, Dairy Cooperatives, Plan International, Save the Children, National Commission on Sight Preservation and Diabetes Prevention, Health Education Association of the Philippines (HEAP), Organization of Public Health Educators (OPHE), Council of Health Agencies of the Philippines (CHAP), Philippine Academy of Physicians in School Health, Inc., Private School Health Officers Association, Inc., CPPI, and IEC Committee Members of the PMA, PDA, PNA and NDAP and other agencies involved in school health are invited to participate in this significant event.

6. A registration fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred (PhP3,500.00) shall be collected from each participant to cover board (starting with dinner on the 10th to breakfast on the 14th of October) and lodging (October 10-13, 2004); kit, souvenir program, hand-outs and CDs of scientific papers. Travel expenses and registration fees of personnel from the regional and division health and nutrition units/sections shall be charged against savings of the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program funds or from other available funds; while health personnel from public secondary schools shall charge their expenses against their own school funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

7. Other division school health and nutrition personnel may be allowed to attend, subject to availability of savings from school health and nutrition program operations or may be sourced from LGUs, Local School Board Fund, and NGOs. Health personnel from private schools shall make financial arrangements with their respective institutions. Participants from agencies stated in #4 and other concerned organizations shall likewise pay the full registration fee.

8. Board and lodging of invited retirees (school health and nutrition personnel retiring this SY 2004-2005) and Search winners, and rental of AV equipment shall be charged against Health and Nutrition Center funds. Board and lodging and professional fees/honoraria of speakers, resource persons, consultants and facilitators, board and lodging, payment of extra essential services and overtime pay of facilitators, staff and secretariat shall be charged against registration fees.

9. Participants are discouraged from bringing their families with them, as accommodations are limited. Those with heart ailment and/or hypertension are advised to come with medical certificate attesting their fitness to attend the Summit.

10. Members of the different committees are considered as participants, thus, shall pay the registration fee and are authorized to travel two (2) days before the Summit.

11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.



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Secretary

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