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FIRST NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

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

1. In compliance with Presidential Proclamation No. 559 dated February 24, 2004, the Department of Education (DepED) will celebrate the First National Dental Health Month in February 2005, with the theme: "Pangangalaga'y Pag-igihan, Dentista'y Pagkatiwalaan, Nang Malulusog na Ngipi'y Inyong Makamtan", to arouse dental health consciousness among the people.

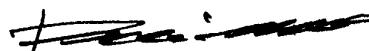
2. The month-long celebration shall be focused on the following special concerns:

- First Week - Awareness on the celebration in schools through:
- Announcement during the flag raising ceremony;
 - Bulletin board display on the celebration and its theme
 - National Launching of the "Bright Smiles, Bright Futures (BSBF)" poster-making contest
- Second Week - Sodium Fluoride mouthrinsing activities in schools
- Coordination with local Philippine Dental Association (PDA) Chapters re: conduct of the following:
 - dental services;
 - toothbrushing drills; and
 - oral health education
- Third Week - Dental service to pupils/students
- Fourth Week - Dental service to teachers and non-teaching personnel

3. All school health and nutrition personnel, specifically the school dentists, are expected to take the lead in the conduct of the activities to celebrate the event. They are likewise encouraged to coordinate with the local dental chapter on other activities that may be scheduled by the Philippine Dental Association. It is understood that the conduct of the aforementioned activities should not disrupt regular classes nor decrease teacher's time on tasks.

4. A brief report on the activities will be integrated in the First Quarter Report on the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program to be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Attention: Health and Nutrition Center (HNC), DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

5. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


FLORENCIO B. ABAD
Secretary

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