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2005 NATIONAL MENTAL RETARDATION WEEK

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

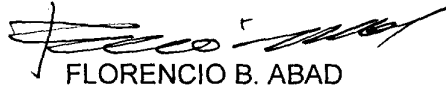
1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1385, this year's National Mental Retardation Week will be observed on February 14-20, 2005. The celebration is also part of the observance of the Philippine Disabled Persons 2003-2012 as outlined in Presidential Proclamation No. 1385. This year's theme is "Moving Towards Independent and Productive Living".

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 school-based activities during the week:

Allowing the public to visit schools and classes or other educational services provided to children and youth with mental retardation
Conducting dialogues with parents and other service providers on how to improve the educational services offered to children and youth with mental retardation
Holding cultural shows, camps, sportsfest, photo and work exhibits and other activities that will showcase the potential capabilities of children and youth with mental retardation
Discussing best practices on the inclusion of children with mental retardation during teachers and parents meetings or in regular classes featuring their success stories
Conducting advocacy campaign in radio and television shows featuring children and youth with mental retardation as speakers on the topic "Life Experiences" or any other relevant topics

3. All activities to be undertaken shall in no way disrupt regular classes nor compromise their supervision. All activities that are community-based should be conducted during Saturday and Sunday of the week.

4. 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 12-13, 2005. 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.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

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