

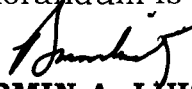
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**ENHANCING AND SUSTAINING SCHOOL GARDENING AND FEEDING  
IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PANTAWID PAMILYANG  
PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps)**

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

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) fully supports the government's campaign against poverty through efforts to address hunger and malnutrition among the poorest sectors of the country's population. The *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino* Program (4Ps), the government's centerpiece program for poverty alleviation is envisioned to help the poorest among the people to meet their most basic needs and eventually empower themselves into becoming productive citizens. It is also aimed at enabling their children to become healthy, to improve their learning capacity, and to complete schooling.
2. The school nutrition program is a key element of the Department's participation in this broad effort. The cultivation of vegetables and other nutrient-rich plants in school gardens shall serve as food baskets in order to have a ready source of vegetables for the feeding program in school. These two undertakings shall complement the government's conditional cash transfer for the food-poor families.
3. In this light, all school officials are enjoined to strengthen, sustain and enhance school gardening activities and the school feeding program specifically in 4Ps areas. The school health and nutrition units/sections personnel shall take the lead in the implementation of school gardening and feeding programs in close coordination with the *Edukasyong Pantahanan at Pangkabuhayan (EPP)* and *Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE)* teachers.
4. The school officials are likewise enjoined to engage the active participation of parents and other members of the community in these activities. These endeavors will not only transform the role of families and the community as major stakeholders in the poverty alleviation effort but will also reorient them on the basics of good nutrition and health enhancing practices.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Secretary



Reference:

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