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Department of Education

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2014 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the House Resolution No. 1436 dated September 30, 2009 entitled *Urging the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd) and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) to Use All Resources Available to Actively Participate and Assist the United Nations General Assembly in the Successful Implementation of an Annual Global Handwashing Day Every 15th of October*, the DepEd hereby supports the celebration of the **Global Handwashing Day** on the said date.
2. *Global Handwashing Day* aims to promote and motivate handwashing with soap. The simple behavior change of handwashing with soap, especially at critical times such as after using the toilet, before eating, and before preparing food, is considered as the most effective and inexpensive way to prevent and reduce mortality rates related to diarrhea and acute respiratory infections in children.
3. In this connection, all school officials are hereby encouraged to support the *Global Handwashing Day* by organizing educational and social activities to strengthen and disseminate information on the significance of handwashing with soap and water. Coordination with other government organizations and non-government organizations and engaging the active participation of parents and other members of the community in these activities are strongly encouraged.
4. Activities to be included are, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Hanging of streamers in strategic places in the school;
 - b. Conducting seminars/fora to heighten awareness on the need to practice handwashing with soap;
 - c. Supplementing and complementing classroom instruction on handwashing;
 - d. Coordinating with other government agencies and other key stakeholders from the private sector in the conduct of activities in the schools and communities; and
 - e. Highlighting Global Handwashing Day in the regions and divisions.

5. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Health and Nutrition Center (HNC)**, Dorm E, 5th Floor, Department of Education Central Office (DepEd CO), DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone Nos.: (02) 632-9935; (02) 637-5504.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is directed.



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Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 190, s. 2013

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