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**Department of Education**

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**2015 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY (GHD) 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. For the information and guidance of all concerned, the Department of Education (DepEd) celebrates the **2015 Global Handwashing Day (GHD)** on October 15, 2015 with the theme *Raise a Hand for Hygiene*. The theme is action-oriented and is an act of raising a hand in affiliation; thus, creating a strong social norm of good hygiene in schools, communities and regions.
2. The Celebration aims to promote the correct hygiene and sanitation practices among learners and a clean environment in and around schools to keep them safe and healthy.
3. All school officials and schools are enjoined to support the 2015 GHD through the organization of educational and social activities, which encourage proper and correct health and environmental sanitation practices to safeguard against disease and infection.
4. Activities to be included are, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. Conducting seminars on water, sanitation and hygiene practices to heighten awareness on the importance of effectively preventing water borne diseases and other sanitation health concerns;
  - b. Supplementing and complementing handwashing with activities which promote positive health habits in schools;
  - c. Coordinating with partners, stakeholders, and other government agencies in the conduct of activities for water, hygiene and sanitation advocacy;
  - d. Highlighting the 2015 GHD Celebration in all regions, schools divisions, and schools;
  - e. Discussing the importance of handwashing, hygiene and sanitation within the curriculum; and
  - f. Hanging of streamers in strategic places within schools and DepEd offices.

5. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Health Division**, Bureau of Learner Support Services, Dorm E, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone no. (02) 632-9935.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired



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Secretary

Reference:

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