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**"GULAYAN SA PAARALAN"**

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

1. Hunger and malnutrition are two problems that affect 19.0% or 3, 268,000 families out of the 17,400,000 families/households in the country due to lack of food to eat or money to buy food. children of poor parents fail to complete their education because hunger and malnutrition force them to drop out from school to as to help their parents earn a living.

2. To address this situation, the government has put in place hunger mitigation and poverty alleviation schemes that will help promote food security and economic stability for the affected families. The Department of Education in close coordination with the Anti-Hunger Task Force, National Nutrition Council and Local Government Units, implements the Food for School Program and other supplementary feeding schemes in the food-poor and other vulnerable/food insecure provinces nationwide. Complementing such efforts is the strengthening of the implementation of school-community food production under the "Gulayan sa Paaralan" project, which shall be tied up with the "Programang Agrikultura Para Sa Masa" of the Department of Agriculture at the national, regional and division/provincial/city levels.

3. The Project "Gulayan sa Paaralan" seeks to:
- a. raise the level of public consciousness on the health and nutritional dimension as well as economic benefits of establishing school, household and community gardens;
  - b. establish school gardens to serve as the food basket/main source of commodities to sustain supplementary feeding;

- c. intensify production of selected varieties of fruits and vegetables that are rich sources of protein, calorie, vitamins and minerals to improve child nutrition;
- d. showcase small-scale food production models in schools for the households/community to replicate purposely to promote family food security; and
- e. inculcate among the studentry the values of good health and nutrition, industry, love of labor and caring for others.

4. **“Gulayan sa Paaralan”** shall be implemented in all public elementary and secondary schools with ample or limited areas, in rural or even urban setting using organic gardening technologies, i.e. Bio-Intensive Gardening, Food Always in the Home (FAITH) and others. Production of selected varieties of vegetables shall be intensified in the schools and in the communities as food prescription to address deficiencies in protein (legumes) energy (rootcrops) vitamin A and iron (leafy greens like malunggay) , saluyot, gabi leaves, kangkong, kulitis, alugbati, pechay).

5. School administrators/school heads of both elementary and secondary, public and private schools, particularly the tech-voc schools, the science and math oriented schools and other capable special schools, including its teachers, staff, PTCA and SSGO officers are directed, as part of their moral obligations and quarterly performance for evaluation, to transfer their technologies and surplus resources, without added cost to the recipients, and to spearhead the implementation of poverty and hunger alleviation programs to depressed constituents, families and communities and to link with the agricultural extension offices of local government units at the municipal, city and provincial levels. Expenses incurred from the implementation of this Memorandum or program shall be charged/sourced from the regular MOOE, savings or donations and shall become part of the regular budget of the school in the succeeding fiscal years.

6. It is expected that quarterly reports on the Project be submitted to the Office of the Secretary Attn.: Health and Nutrition Center, DepED Complex, Pasig City.

7. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

  
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Secretary

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