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2008 NATIONAL SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION CONGRESS

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

1. The Department of Education (DepED), through the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) and the Adopt-a-School Program (ASP) Secretariat, will hold the 2008 National School Health and Nutrition Congress at the Benitez Hall, Teachers Camp, Baguio City on May 28-31, 2008.

2. The Congress shall focus on the theme "The Changing Face of School Health: Now and Into the Future" to highlight the initiatives and innovations that have made possible for a quantum leap of health care delivery in the schools. Its objectives are to:

- a. present an assessment of collaborative effort to mitigate hunger and improve health status of school children;
- b. provide a platform to enhance and sustain current health program initiatives and interventions;
- c. correlate health/nutritional state to academic achievement; and
- d. foster camaraderie between and among health groups, school and LGU officials and other sectors, and forge commitment and grand alliances for school health.

3. Considering the relevance and importance of this Congress towards the implementation of the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program as an intervention for drop-outs and low academic performance, the following officials (from all regions including ARMM) are allowed to attend on **official business**:

- Regional health and nutrition unit personnel
- All division schools medical officers
- Division dentists-in-charge
- Division nurses-in-charge
- Division dental aides-in-charge
- School health personnel from public secondary schools
- Officials from partner agencies –GOs and NGOs
- Regional/Division ASP Coordinators

4. Officials from partner agencies – PTCA, DOH, NNC, DSWD, DA-NDA, DA-NFA, DILG/LGUs, CWC, Land 'O Lakes Foundation, Dairy Cooperatives, Plan International, Save the Children, National Commission on Sight Preservation and Diabetes Prevention, Philippine Pediatric Society, Philippine Ear Institute, Philippine Academy of Physicians in School Health, Inc., Integrated Philippine Association of Optometrists, Private School Health Officers Association, Inc., CPPI, and IEC/School Health Committee Members of the Philippine Medical Association (PMA), Philippine College of Physicians (PCP), Philippine Dental Association (PDA), Philippine Nurses Association (PNA), Philippine Academy of Ophthalmologists (PAO) and Nutritionist-Dietitians Association of the Philippines (NDAP) and other agencies involved in school health are invited to participate in this significant event.

5. A registration fee of Six Thousand Pesos (PhP6,000.00) shall be collected from each participant to cover board (starting with dinner on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May to breakfast on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May) and lodging (May 28-31, 2008); kit, souvenir program, plaques, certificates, hand-outs, and CDs of scientific papers. Travel expenses and registration fees of personnel from the regional and division health and nutrition units/sections shall be charged against savings of the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program funds or from other available local funds; while health personnel from public secondary schools shall charge their expenses against their own school funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. For live-out participants, the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (PhP4,500.00) shall be collected as registration fee and covers the a.m. and p.m. snacks and lunch for 3 days.

6. Other division school health and nutrition personnel may be allowed to attend, subject to availability of savings from school health and nutrition program operations or may be sourced from LGUs, Local School Board Fund and NGOs. Health personnel from private schools shall make financial arrangements with their respective institutions. Participants from agencies stated in Item No. 4 and other concerned organizations shall likewise pay the full registration fee.

7. Board and lodging of invited retirees (school health and nutrition personnel retiring this SY 2007-2008) and rental of AV equipment shall be charged against Health and Nutrition Center funds. Board and lodging and professional fees/honoraria/extra duty allowance of speakers, resource persons, consultants, facilitators and working committees, and other incidental expenses shall be charged against registration fee.

8. Participants are discouraged from bringing their families with them as accommodations are limited. Those with heart ailment and/or hypertension are advised to come with medical certificate attesting their fitness to attend the Congress.

9. Members of the different committees are considered as participants, thus, shall pay the registration fee chargeable against HNC funds, and are authorized to travel two (2) days before the Congress.

10. For more information, please contact the Health and Nutrition Center, Department of Education (DepED), 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mabini Bldg., Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at tel. no. 633-7245 loc. 2154, 2091.

11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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