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Department of Education

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
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ONE MILLION LAPIS CAMPAIGN

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Secretary, ARMM
Regional Directors
Schools Divisions Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) is the focal government inter-agency body mandated to formulate policies and plans, monitor the implementation and enforcement of laws to protect and promote children's rights by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 603, otherwise known as the *Child and Youth Welfare Code*. As one of the major activities of the National Children's Month this November, the Department of Education (DepEd) supports the CWC's advocacy campaign entitled, **One Million Lapis**.

2. The **One Million Lapis Campaign** aims to collect one million pencils to be given to underprivileged children in elementary schools of the 4th to 6th class municipalities of the country. These children lack the opportunity to pursue schooling and necessary materials for writing. A documentary in 2012 showed that children in far-flung villages of the country divide one pencil into three to be used for writing. Moreover, this campaign also envisions to enter the Guinness World Record for the longest line of pencils.

3. In support to this, all DepEd Offices-Central Office (CO), Regional Offices (ROs) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and all public and private schools in the country are hereby enjoined to participate in the campaign. All DepEd personnel and staff must be guided by DepEd Order No. 41, s. 2012 or the *No Collection Policy*. Collection of pencils must be done on a voluntary basis only and must not be mandatory nor become a school requirement.

In addition, DepEd personnel and staff may invite their partners from non-government organizations, parent-teachers associations, and other members of the community or the private sector to donate pencils for the Campaign. Donation of pencils for the Campaign will be done until **October 26, 2016**.

4. All ROs shall designate the Regional Partnership Focal Person (RFPF) to lead and monitor the collection of pencils for the campaign. The RFPF shall:

- a. ensure that a drop box be made available in each RO and SDO, with the logo and details of the campaign as specified in Enclosure No. 1;
- b. designate a storage area in the RO for the pencils which will be collected from the SDOs and schools;
- c. monitor the collection of pencils through the Monitoring Form provided in Enclosure No. 2;
- d. document the progress of the Campaign through photos and/or videos;
- e. submit the said Monitoring Form to the External Partnerships Service (EPS) for recording, and;
- f. coordinate with the EPS on the details of the Campaign.

5. Pencils collected from the SDOs and schools shall be sent to the RO for storage and documentation of the Focal Person.

6. For the CO, the drop box for the **One Million Lapis Campaign** is available at the EPS Office, located at the Ground Floor, Rizal Building. All DepEd CO employees in all bureaus, services, and offices are encouraged to donate and participate in the Campaign.

7. Final counting and official declaration of all the pencils collected will be done during the kick-off activity of the *2016 National Children's Month Celebration*. The turnover of all the pencils to DepEd will be on **November 20, 2016** during the *Araw ng Kabataan* program as culminating activity of the National Children's Month.

8. All RFPFs are requested to provide a list of schools from the 4th to 6th class municipalities of the regions and the number of Grades 1 to 3 pupils in each school. This will serve as basis for the distribution of pencils collected from the Campaign. The list shall be submitted to the EPS Office on or before **October 26, 2016** through the contact details provided below.

9. For additional information on this Campaign, all concerned may contact either of following persons:

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10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Undersecretary
Officer-in-Charge

Encl.:

As stated

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1 MILLION LAPIS!

SHARE YOUR LAPIS!


Did you know that in far-flung schools there are students who divide one lapis into three in order to write and learn?

In line with the celebration of the 2016 National Children's Month, We are aiming to collect 1,000,000 pencils for **underprivileged students** and set a world record.


MECHANICS/ GUIDELINES:

1. Open to all individuals, groups, company and institution willing to share their Lapis.
2. Campaign runs from April until October 2016.
3. Drop-boxes will be distributed by CWC within the month of April. Main Offices of National Government Agencies and other partners will be given standard drop-boxes and make available such in their Regional Offices.
4. All pencils whether new or use can be placed in the drop-boxes located in National Government Offices, its Regional Offices and all SM Supermalls
5. All drop-boxes will be collected every two (2) months or if already filled-up will be transported to the One Million Lapis storage at the Department of Education (DepEd) main office at ULTRA. The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) will facilitate the collection of drop-boxes.
6. Final counting and official declaration of Lapis generated will be on November 5, 2016 as a kick-off activity of the 2016 National Children's Month (NCM) celebration. Official turn-over of Lapis generated will be given to DepEd on November 20, 2016 as a culminating activity.
7. Upon end of the Project Campaign, all Lapis drop-boxes will be returned to CWC for use in subsequent activity.

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ONE MILLION LAPIS
Reporting Template of Collection
as of _____, 2016

NAME OF AGENCY/ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION	QUANTITY	DATE OF DONATION	TOTAL	REMARKS

Notes:

1. Please include 2 to 3 action pictures (high resolution) for documentation of pencils collected upon submission to CWC; and
2. Add additional sheet if necessary.

Prepared by:

Noted by:

Regional Partnership Focal Person

Regional Director