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Department of Education

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17th NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH CELEBRATION

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) announces the celebration of the **17th National Dental Health Month** throughout the month of February 2021 with the theme, ***Paigtingin: Oral Health for Juan at Juana sa gitna ng Pandemya***. In addition, the observance will also carry the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) tag line *Brush at Floss Kontra Toothloss*. This is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 559 issued on February 4, 2004, titled *Declaring the Month of February of Every Year as National Dental Health Month*.
2. This year's theme aims to strengthen public awareness and reiterate the importance of good oral hygiene habit amidst COVID-19 Pandemic.
3. DepEd school dentists are advised to coordinate with PDA local chapters and other stakeholders on the activities scheduled during the month-long celebration. Since face-to-face classes are still suspended, DepEd offices may also conceptualize creative activities for learners and their families promoting oral health education utilizing online and other platforms that are accessible to learners who will be staying in their homes during the period of the campaign.
4. Dentists and other school health personnel in the regional and schools division offices shall take the lead in the celebration.
5. A brief narrative and pictorial report on the observance of National Dental Health Month shall be incorporated in the consolidated *OK sa DepEd* progress and accomplishment reports for submission through email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph on or before **March 12, 2021**.
6. For more information, please contact **Dr. Cynthia Coronado**, Dentist III, Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division, 3rd Floor, Mabini Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone number (02) 8632-9935.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 14, s. 2019

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