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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL ORCHARDS

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Coordinator, State Colleges  
and Universities  
Schools Superintendents  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges  
and Universities

1. In line with the continuing campaign for increased food production and in support of the Alay Tanim and Environmental Education Programs of the Department of Education and Culture, this Office is launching a new project called "School Orchard" starting school year 1977-78. The goal is to establish at least one model school orchard in each division.

2. The following guidelines are hereby issued in the development of a model school orchard:

- a. The project may be established in a public or private school.
- b. The selected school for the project must be accessible for easy management and/or supervision.
- c. Knowledgeable personnel are available to manage and handle the project.
- d. The area for the orchard must be at least half a hectare.
- e. Fruit trees to be planted are suitable to the locality, preferably those that give economic returns within a period of three (3) years and will bear fruits for a long period of time.

f. A variety of fruit tree seedlings should be available.

3. The selected schools where the division model orchard will be developed should be reported not later than September 1, 1977, and a picture of the site selected should be submitted.

4. Each division will be given financial assistance in the amount of P100 to start the model school orchard as soon as this Office receives its development plan. Additional funds will be sent for the expansion and maintenance of said orchard depending upon the performance as reported by the regional office.

5. Reports of accomplishments should be submitted quarterly before the end of March, June, September, and December to the Coordinator, School Health Program and Services Unit, DES.

6. Immediate action on this matter is desired.

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Reference:

None

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(D.O. 1-75)

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