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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PREVENTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL  
ASPECTS OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents

1. It has been observed in the field that school health personnel hesitate to travel and undertake other programmed health activities in the absence of medicines and supplies. It is stressed, in this connection, that the total school health program is not limited to curative health services; the preventive and health education aspects of the program are as important.
2. In this connection, this Office hereby reminds all school health personnel (physicians, dentists, nurses, and ~~dorming~~ personnel) of the following activities which they should undertake:
  - a. Physical examination/inspection, immunization/prophylaxis, and stool examination of school children;
  - b. Conduct health education activities such as lecture-demonstration, group discussion and film showing on Common Ailments Intestinal Parasitism, Dental Health, Environmental Sanitation and Protection, Nutrition, Population, and Drug Addiction;
  - c. Make simple studies, health surveys, and/or researches on common ailments, intestinal parasitism, dental diseases and related health problems prevalent in their respective areas of assignments. The data gathered in the course of physical examination/inspection, immunization/prophylaxis and stool examination of school children should be recorded; and
  - d. Look into the feasibility of utilizing local medicinal herbs for common ailments; make a list of medicinal herbs utilized in the community.

3. Reports on these activities should be incorporated in the monthly reports of school health personnel.

4. It is desired that this Department Memorandum be brought to the attention of school health personnel immediately.

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