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1981 RETARDED CHILDREN'S WEEK

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

1. Every year Retarded Children's Week is observed from February 14 to 20, conformably to Proclamation No. 1385 dated February 12, 1975.
2. The theme of this year's celebration will be in consonance with the theme of the International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP) which is "Full Participation and Equality." All schools are enjoined to observe the Week by giving stress on activities designed to contribute to the objectives of the IYDP as they affect mentally retarded children. Toward this end, efforts should be directed in providing the mentally retarded assistance to avail themselves of opportunities for suitable work and to ensure their active integration in society.
3. The suggested activities hereunder may be undertaken during the Week:
  - a. Encourage out-of-school mentally retarded children of school age to attend classes, sheltered workshops, pre-vocational training, etc. available in the community.
  - b. Dissemination of information on work capabilities and potentials of the mentally retarded.
  - c. Survey of job opportunities for the mentally retarded.
  - d. Hold community assemblies, symposia and/or panel discussions on topics geared to the theme.
  - e. Conduct Day Camp, Open House or Cultural Show involving mentally retarded children.
4. All schools are enjoined to cooperate with other government and non-government agencies in the observance of the Week.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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References:

Department Memorandum: No. 10, s. 1975  
MEC Memorandum: No. 32, s. 1980

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