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MEMORANDUM
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1984 RETARDED CHILDREN'S WEEK

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

1. Every year Retarded Children's Week is observed from February 18 to 26, conforming to Proclamation No. 1383 dated February 12, 1975.
2. The theme of this year's celebration will be in consonance with the theme of the International League of Societies for Persons with Mental Handicap (ILSMH) which is "Citizen Advocacy." All schools are enjoined to observe the week by undertaking activities designed to achieve the ILSMH objectives as they provide equal opportunities for the mentally handicapped persons to become functional members of the community.
3. Below are suggested activities for the week's celebration:
 - a. Disseminate information on the rights, obligations and responsibilities of the mentally handicapped persons.
 - b. Hold community assemblies, symposia and/or panel discussions on topics geared to the theme.
 - c. Strengthen parent involvement as partners of professionals in the care, rehabilitation and education of the mentally handicapped persons.
 - d. Conduct day camp, open house, exhibits or finished products, field day, film shows, field trips, and/or cultural presentations.
 - e. Systematize mainstreaming concepts to include the community.

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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Minister

Reference:

MEC's Memorandum No. 10, s. 1983

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