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1987 RETARDED CHILDREN'S WEEK

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

1. Every year Retarded Children's Week is observed from February 14 to 20 conformably to Proclamation No. 1365 dated February 12, 1973.
2. The theme of this year's celebration is "The Retarded Child in the Community." All schools are enjoined to observe the Week by undertaking activities designed to develop better understanding of the mentally retarded person. Efforts should be directed to provide assistance to these children to enable them to avail themselves of opportunities for suitable work and to ensure their active integration in society.
3. Below are suggested activities for the Week's celebration:
 - a. Encouraging out-of-school mentally handicapped children of school age to attend classes, sheltered workshops, pre-vocational training, etc., that are available in the country.
 - b. Holding community assemblies, symposia and/or panel discussions on topics geared to the theme.
 - c. Disseminating information on the rights, obligations and responsibilities of mentally handicapped persons.
 - d. Conducting day camps, open house, exhibits of work/products of mentally retarded children, field day, filmshowing involving mentally retarded children and youth.
 - e. Organizing barangay-based instruction for the mentally retarded.
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:

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