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ENHANCING THE FOOD PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES OF THE SCHOOLS

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau/Center Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
District Supervisors
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals
Vocational School Principals

1. In furtherance of the DECS Commitment: Now and Beyond, particularly on "better health and nutrition", and "more food" for the learners, the food production capabilities of all schools shall be enhanced.

2. Skills training on nursery management and effective but environment - friendly food production technologies shall be provided to agriculture teachers, supervisors and other personnel involved in the program.

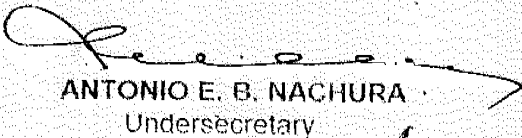
3. All schools superintendents are directed to designate a District Agriculture Coordinator in every school district who shall be trained to lead in planning, organizing, implementing and evaluating the district program on food production. Specifically, aside from the teaching load which shall be considerably reduced, he shall:

- . establish a district nursery;
- . produce seeds/seedlings, and planting materials for distribution to other schools;
- . transfer the technology to other teachers and disseminate information;
- . monitor/evaluate food production activities of other schools; and
- . coordinate/link with BPI, DENR and the LGUs.

4. Likewise, every school shall have an agriculture teacher who shall take charge of a year-round food production activity.

5. Plants rich in protein, carbohydrates and micronutrients particularly Vitamin A and iron shall be raised in school to attain food security and self-sufficiency in supplementary feeding in a serious bid to eliminate the malnutrition problem in the schools.

6. Widest and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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