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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS**  
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**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
**DECS MEMORANDUM**  
No. 277, s. 1997

**INTENSIFYING DRUG ADVOCACY IN SCHOOLS**

**To: Bureau Directors**  
**Regional Directors**  
**Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units**  
**Schools Superintendents**  
**District Supervisors**  
**Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals**  
**Vocational High School Principals**

1. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports reiterates its drug abuse prevention campaign in all elementary and secondary schools nationwide.
2. Regional directors and all school administrators are directed to oversee the full implementation of the National Drug Education Program. School officials and teachers are instructed to teach drug abuse prevention concepts and school health and nutrition personnel to intensify advocacy activities.
3. The "DECS says NO TO DRUGS" sign and other positive prevention messages must be posted or printed in strategic places within the school premises. A preventive alert network involving student leaders, teachers, security officers and parents should be in place, so as to prevent activities like drug use and drug pushing that may be undertaken in the school campuses.
4. Widest dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Officer-In-Charge

References: DECS Memorandums: Nos. 388, s. 1995 and 119, s. 1997  
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