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DECS MEMORANDUM

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INTENSIFYING "WOW"

To : Undersecretaries & Assistant Secretaries
Regional, Staff Bureaus, Center & Service Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Schools District Supervisors
Heads of Public & Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Our national program on "WAR ON WASTE" or WOW has been successfully launched in all our private and public schools nationwide. As a result there is greater awareness among school communities of the need to be frugal in the use of fiscal, physical, natural and other resources.
2. Recent developments especially those that are economic in nature affirm the need to further intensify our "WAR ON WASTE" or WOW campaign. For this purpose, the following directives are issued:
 - 2.1 WOW shall include a campaign to be mindful in the use of water and to institute measures to conserve water in our homes and in our schools. A water harvesting container shall be provided in all schools so that rainwater may be collected for future use for gardening and cleaning purposes.
 - 2.2 WOW shall embody measures to prevent food wastage especially when brought about by extravagant and excessive food preparation. Henceforth snacks and meals served during meetings shall be meager and modest and shall be served in small servings.
 - 2.3 WOW shall invoke austerity in the use of office supplies by adopting saving measures as may be appropriate.
 - 2.4 WOW shall extend to the wise and prudent use by DECS of all government resources and facilities.
3. For information and guidance.


RICARDO T. GLORIA
Secretary



Incls.:

As stated

Reference:

DECS Order: No. 4, s. 1996

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under the following subjects:**

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INTENSIFIED WAR ON WASTE (WOW) PROGRAM

The schools as the Center of Community transformation, the school administrators, teachers and students are enjoined to apply the various strategies in order to help combat and win the war on waste.

The 7 point operational agenda included the following: 1) wastage on food; (2) wastage on water; (3) wastage on money; (4) wastage on time; (5) wastage on gasoline; (6) wastage on supply and (7) wastage on electricity.

1.0 War on Wastage of food

The practice of Filipino to serve lavish receptions to guests during conferences, meetings and even during simple visits should be stopped immediately in our school system. The practice is an effort to impress the visitors that's why expensive food are served like sandwiches, salad, etc., which are very costly. Instead schools must serve their guests with indigenous food like boiled bananas, young corn, root crops like camote, gabi, karo, araro etc. and young coconuts which are cheap and abundant in the local communities. School guests must be serve simple fruit juices like calamansi, guava, oranges, etc. instead of bottled drinks which is now common in schools. The expertise of the Home Economics teachers in food preparation should be taught to Grade IV to VI elementary and high school students in order to ensure the development of the right habit among children which in effect will be carried-over to their homes.

Gloria pointed out that the practice of preparing lavishly during birthdays, anniversaries and fiestas especially among very poor families to the extent of borrowing and incurring big loans show extravagance. With the campaign against food wastage, Gloria explained that food should be properly utilized for the nutritional need of our body. It should not be taken only during special occasions. Together with the production and processing, consumption of food must be wisely done for our people to fully maximize the benefit of such resource.

2.0 War on the wastage of water

Gloria admonished all school personnel and pupils to ensure that all faulty faucets are maintained properly, and that there should be no leaking faucets in schools and in their respected homes. He advise all school heads to ensure the safety of the water source and container of such water in school and at home, so that it is not only clean and sanitary, but free from the mosquitoes that causes dengue fever and malaria.

Imagine if water is properly conserve and used in schools and in every Filipino home, we can save enough for the next generations. Water is a finite valuable resource. It is our duty to conserve this for our future generation of the country.

3.0 War on the wastage of office supplies

Paper, pencil, folders, books, publications, etc. - These supplies cost money to our government. Juan dela Cruz is now facing a lot of spiraling cost of prime commodities. Let us try to help him by our wise ways of utilizing our meager government supplies. Even a piece of paper clip, fastener, folder and bond paper etc. if brought home by 500,000 teacher could cost a lot t our government. We will go about our business by practicing savings and thrift. If possible let us use the other side of a used paper for our memos, draft etc. Never, never bring home office supplies, it is not only bad for our office, it will teach our children, our young the wrong values that dishonesty, stealing, pay etc. Let us make this a part of our educational system. Let us make it a part of our way of life.

4.0 War on the wastage of time

We, Filipinos are guilty of this and we need to double our efforts to combat this. Let us come on time. It shows our respect and concern for the time of others. If we can only shake-off the habit of being not conscious about time, our appointments, our schedules then we can accomplish more everyday. Many foreigners loss interest in us because we fail to come on time, we need to change this practice. Let us campaign for Filipino time is the right time. Let us begin with our children, the parents and their family. Schools must lead in this campaign, we must begin with ourselves.

5.0 War on the wastage on gasoline

Gloria suggests that we must now develop the habit of walking instead of riding. Even it is only one or two blocks away we tend to ride. We need to walk for our health. Walking is one of the best exercise for our heart. It is cost effective. In developed countries like USA, Australia Canada and other European countries, people walk to school or offices if these are just nearby. The propensity of our people to ride even in very short distances has caused traffic problems and cost of gasoline to increase.

6.0 War on Wastage of electricity

The amount of electric power used in 40,000 schools can be staggering. If we only see to it that all lights are put-off when not in use, before leaving the school ground; we can conserve our electricity and our meager resources. Children must be taught and practice the putting off electrical switch whenever not in use just as the computer, electric machines, electric fans and airconditioners after work and during office breaks.

School administrators are enjoined to submit to the central office a report of results of the war on waste campaign of each school.

All encourages the school heads are encouraged to report outstanding or model WOW implementors to this office regularly for appropriate recognition at various level.

7. War on wastage of money

The need to save a peso or whatever small amount daily is a desirable habit that need to be emphasized among our schools children, teachers and parents. During emergencies and economic crisis the need for developing the habit of thrift or savings. The amount save especially when deposited in a bank can help augment the monetary resource of our country as well as ensure the development of the habit among our young children. If every child can only save from whatever money or income or allowance daily, imagine the aggregate savings we can have for our capital needs. Teacher too, must be encourage to save even a peso a day to a better and secure tomorrow.