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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
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CENTENNIAL SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION CONGRESS

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau/Service and Center Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents

1. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports, through the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC), will hold the Centennial School Health and Nutrition Congress at the Benitez Hall, Senior Mess, Teachers Camp, Baguio City on October 5-7, 1998, to highlight the celebration of School Health Month in October pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 471 dated September 27, 1994. More importantly, the Congress shall discuss the details of the operationalization of the policy directions evolved from the workshop participated in by the parents, children and educators during the National Forum held in Cebu City on December 4-6, 1997. The theme of the Congress is "Action Agenda for School Health and Nutrition - Now and Beyond".
2. The objectives of the congress are to:
 - a) present updates on pulmonary TB, malnutrition and dental defects as they affect the school populace; and other concerns such as HIV/AIDS and drug abuse;
 - b) assess the policies and strategies as well as available resources for the effective delivery of health services and education in schools;
 - c) prepare the action agenda to operationalize the policy directions as embodied in DECS Memoranda nos. 498, 499, and 500, s. 1997 and other health and nutrition policies; and
 - d) provide opportunities to renew one's commitment to sustain school health and nutrition development.
3. Considering the relevance of this congress toward the effective implementation of the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program for quality basic education, the following officials are expected to attend:
 - regional health and nutrition unit personnel
 - all division medical officers
 - dentist-in-charge
 - nurse coordinators
 - dental-aides in charge
 - health and nutrition supervisors

Other division school health and nutrition personnel may be allowed to attend subject to availability of funds. Health personnel and school administrators of secondary, technical, vocational schools, private and government colleges and universities are enjoined to attend the congress. Officials of the National Filipino Children's Organization and of the National Federation of PTCA are invited to participate in the congress.

4. A registration fee of two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) shall be collected from each participant to cover board (starting with dinner on the 4th to breakfast on the 8th of October) and lodging (4 nights - October 4-7); kit and handouts. Board and lodging of the officers of the Children's and Parents' Organizations as well as the awardees/winners of the National Search for Outstanding School Nurse; Search for Outstanding Implementors of the National Drug Education Program; and of the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program shall be subsidized from congress fees. Travel expenses and registration fees of personnel from the regional and division health and nutrition units/sections shall be charged against TB/MDS program funds; while expenses of education supervisors and school administrators shall be charged against local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Travel expenses of participants from secondary, vocational and technical schools and colleges and universities shall be chargeable against the funds of their respective institutions. Board and lodging of speakers, resource persons, staff and secretariat; professional fees of speakers, resource persons and facilitators, payment of extra essential services and overtime pay of the Staff and Secretariat; and other operational costs incurred for the congress shall be charged against Health and Nutrition Center trust funds.

5. Participants are discouraged from bringing their families with them as accommodations are limited. Those with heart ailment and/or hypertension are advised to come with medical certificates attesting their fitness to attend the congress.

6. Members of the different committees shall be considered participants and shall pay the registration fee of two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) and are authorized to travel two days before the congress.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is expected.


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Secretary 

Reference:

DECS Memorandum: No. 191, s. 1996

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