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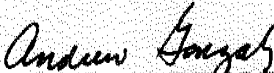
DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 291, s. 1998

1998 WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Directors of Services/Centers & Heads of Units
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Private Elementary & Secondary Special Schools

1. In compliance with Republic Act No. 6759, "An Act Declaring August 1 of Each Year as White Cane Safety Day in the Philippines and for Other Purposes", the theme for this year's celebration is "Promotion of Rights Among the Visually Impaired Children".
2. Recognizing the visually impaired child as a total individual, the schools and the community shall ensure the exercise of his/her fundamental civil rights particularly his/her right to name and nationality, protection of his/her privacy, freedom of expression, thought, conscience and religion, and association and increasing participation in community life and nation-building.
3. All SPED Centers, public and private schools with special education programs are encouraged to observe this day with appropriate activities which include the following:
 - a) Information dissemination concerning the rights of the visually impaired children to education by inviting blind students, educators and other professionals working for the blind as resource persons;

- b) Holding conferences, symposia and/or panel discussions related to the prevention and early detection of visual problems with parents and the community on topics geared towards the theme;
 - c) Holding sportsfest, day camps, cultural programs which will highlight the talents and skills of the visually impaired and
 - d) Organizing dialogues between the blind students and their sighted peers on how they could work together in school and community activities.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC
Secretary

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