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DECS MEMORANDUM  
No. 403, s. 1999

WORLD AIDS DAY

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Chairman, CHED  
Director-General, TESDA

1. World AIDS Day will be celebrated on December 1 with the theme "Listen, Learn, Live", as a call for a truly expanded response to the AIDS epidemic. The theme emphasizes the need for people everywhere to put aside their differences and to work together to face the challenge of slowing down the epidemic and alleviating its impact. It likewise reflects a universal aspiration to find means to prevent and cure HIV/AIDS, and the hope that comes from knowing that there are approaches that proved to be successful in caring for people affected by HIV/AIDS and in preventing the spread of HIV.
2. All schools are enjoined/directed to lend support to the advocacy of HIV/AIDS prevention by undertaking the following activities on December 1:
  - a. Bulletin board display in the schools giving emphasis on the theme;
  - b. Hanging or wearing of red ribbons;
  - c. Conduct of symposia, panel discussions, etc. on HIV/AIDS prevention and control;
  - d. Film showing;
  - e. Radio and TV plugs that project the theme;
  - f. Community assemblies and pulong-pulong regarding HIV/AIDS prevention and control; and
  - g. Integration of HIV/AIDS prevention in appropriate subject areas.
3. School health and nutrition personnel shall take the lead in the coordination of the aforementioned activities; and to intensify advocacy on the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS more particularly to high school students as well as to the parents and school administrators. A report on these activities shall be included in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report to be submitted to the Health and Nutrition Center, DECS Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.
4. Widest dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

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Secretary

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