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2000 RETARDED CHILDREN'S WEEK

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
School Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1 Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1385, this year's Retarded Children's Week will be observed on February 14-20. The theme is 'Inclusion: From Policy to Action.'

2 This year's celebration is also a part of the National Observance of the Asian and Pacific Decade for Disabled Persons, 1993-2003.

3 The collaborative role of the school, the family, and the community in the delivery of services to satisfy the physical, social, and educational needs of mentally handicapped persons shall be emphasized. The following are some activities that may be undertaken:

- a launching a campaign for the out-of-school youth, mentally handicapped children and youth to attend classes, sheltered workshops, vocational training, etc. that are available in the community;
- b strengthening the community network group composed of local government and nongovernment agencies to enrich existing programs for persons with mental retardation;
- c updating practitioners and parents of mental retardates on educational and social opportunities for this special type of learners;
- d holding conferences, symposia, and/or panel discussions on topics geared to the theme with parent or community participation; and
- e holding sportsfests, camps, cultural shows, and other activities which will highlight the talents of the mentally handicapped.

4 At the National Capital Region, the Quezon City Government in coordination with the Special Education Division (SPED), Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE), and the Philippine Association for the Retarded (PAR) will sponsor the annual Camp Pag-ibig at Balara, Quezon City on February 13, 2000. Children enrolled in special classes for Regions III and IV including teachers, administrators and supervisors are also invited to attend.

5 Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Reference

DFCS Memorandum No. 19, s. 1998

Attachment 1 (DO 50-97)

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