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MILLENNIUM SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION FORUM

To Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Principals
Vocational High Schools Principals
Chairman, CHED

1 The Department of Education, Culture and Sports, through the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC), will hold the Millennium School Health and Nutrition Forum at the Benitez Hall, Senior Mess Teachers Camp Baguio City on October 9-11, 2000 to highlight the celebration of School Health Month in October pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No 471 dated September 27 1994. Discussions and activities during the Forum shall be focused on the theme "Partnership for School Health from Dream to Scheme" to stress the relevance and urgency of strategizing effective partnership with government and non-government agencies, industry and people's organizations towards health and nutrition improvement of the school populace.

2 The Forum aims to achieve the following objectives.

- a to customize the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program to address key issues and challenges as its contribution towards the attainment of quality basic education,
- b to identify possible areas of cooperation between the schools and partners for sustainable school health and nutritional development;
- c to discuss schemes to operationalize the partnership;
- d to generate deeper commitment of existing partners through expansion of their program coverage and resource allocation for school health, and
- e to enhance dedication, unity and teamwork between and among program implementors, partners, and other stakeholders.

3 Speakers from the public and private sectors involved in health education and service delivery, industry and those who are current DECS partners for school health and nutrition will share their experiences and expertise as inputs to attain the abovementioned objectives. Prospective partners shall be invited to join in thru the "Adopt-A-School" Program.

4 School nurses who will attend on official time the 3rd Annual Convention of the DECS Nurses Association to be held at the Teachers Camp on October 6-7, 2000, may be allowed to participate in the Forum with subsidized registration fees. One half of their registration fee shall be paid by each school nurse and the other half will be paid by HNC.

5 Considering the relevance of this Forum towards the effective implementation of the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program for quality basic education, the following officials are expected to attend on official business:

- ◆ regional health and nutrition unit personnel (75)
- ◆ all division schools medical officers (150)
- ◆ division dentists-in-charge (150)
- ◆ division nurse coordinators (150)
- ◆ division dental aides-in-charge (150)
- ◆ health and nutrition supervisors
- ◆ representatives of partner agencies

6 Other division school health and nutrition personnel may be allowed to attend, subject to availability of savings from school health and nutrition program operations. They are expected likewise to source funds for their travel expenses and registration fee from LGU, or NGO in their locality/areas of work. Health personnel and school administrators of public and private pre-school, elementary and secondary schools and colleges and universities are enjoined to attend the Forum

7 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 8th to breakfast on the 12th of October) and lodging (4 nights – October 8-11), kit and handouts. Board and lodging of the awardees and winners of the national Searches for Outstanding School Implementors of the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program (DECS Memorandum No. 332, s. 1999) Outstanding School Nurse (DECS Memorandum No. 70, s. 2000) and for the DECS – J & J ASEAN Best Initiatives for Women's Health Promotion shall be subsidized from Forum fees. Travel expenses and registration fees of personnel from the regional and division health and nutrition units/sections shall be charged against savings of the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program funds or from other available 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.

8 Travel expenses of participants from public and private secondary schools, colleges and universities shall be charged 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 Forum shall be charged against Health and Nutrition Center funds.

9 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 certificate attesting their fitness to attend the Forum

10 Members of the different committees shall be considered participants thus, they shall pay the registration fee and are authorized to travel two (2) days before the Forum.

11 Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired


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Secretary

Reference None

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