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2001 MENTAL RETARDATION WEEK

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Principals

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1385, this year's Mental Retardation Week celebration will be observed on February 14-20, 2001. The theme is "Inclusion, Paving the Way for Independence".
2. This Department, in collaboration with other government and nongovernment agencies, encourages the schools to conduct activities during the week.
3. The following activities are suggested to be undertaken:
 - February 14 - Holding of parade/sportsfests/camps with teachers, administrators, parents and peers of children with mental retardation as organizers
 - February 15 - Conducting advocacy campaign with mentally retarded children as speakers for the topic "Life Experiences"
 - February 16 - Conducting dialogue with parents and other service providers to improve the educational services offered to children with mental retardation
 - February 17-18 - Holding of conferences, symposia, panel discussions geared on the theme
 - February 19 - Viewing school exhibits of products/outputs made by children with mental retardation
 - February 20 - Holding of cultural shows and other activities which will highlight the talents of the mentally handicapped

4. At the National Capital Region, the Local Government of Quezon City in coordination with the Philippine Association for the Retarded (PAR) will sponsor the Annual Camp Pag-ibig at Balara, Quezon City on February 14, 2001 for children and youth with disabilities in the region. Children enrolled in special classes in 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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Secretary

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