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2003 National Mental Retardation Week

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1385, this year's National Mental Retardation Week will be observed on February 14-20, 2003.
2. The celebration is also part of the National Observance of the Asian and Pacific Decade for Disabled Persons, 1993-2003. This year's theme is: "Maximizing Students' Potentials through Inclusive Education."
3. This Department, in collaboration with other government and non-government agencies is encouraging all schools especially those with SPED programs to conduct any of the following suggested activities during the week:
 - a. Discussing inclusive education during teachers and parents meetings featuring success stories of children with mental retardation in school;
 - b. Providing opportunities for children with mental retardation to attend workshops, vocational training and participate in various school activities together with other children;
 - c. Visiting schools to witness exhibits of products/outputs made by children with mental retardation;
 - d. Holding sportfests, day camps, cultural shows and other activities which will highlight the talents of the mentally handicapped; and
 - e. Conducting information campaign for the inclusion of children with mental retardation in regular schools for SY 2003-2004 with the assistance of the Special Education Centers, Parents Teachers Association (PTA), Barangay Council, church and civic associations.
4. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Secretary

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