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**THE ROLE OF DEPED ON THE PHILIPPINE PLAN
OF ACTION FOR NUTRITION (PPAN)**

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) is the country's framework for achieving nutritional adequacy for all and is an important element for competitiveness, people empowerment and human development.

2. Pursuant to the National Nutrition Council (NNC) Governing Board Resolution No. 1, series of 2002 re: "Memorandum of Agreement on Roles of Member Agencies of NNC in the PPAN, DepED is committed to implement the following:

- a. conduct nutritional assessment of elementary school children at the start of every school year and monitor changes in their nutritional status;
- b. undertake school feeding activities to rehabilitate severely and moderately underweight school children and promote the utilization of indigenous food commodities;
- c. supervise the management of school canteens and cafeterias to ensure promotion of nutritious foods, proper eating and health practices;
- d. upgrade the competencies of school and nutrition personnel and other implementors of an integrated school health and nutrition program;
- e. develop and disseminate appropriate IEC materials to promote health and nutrition;
- f. promote the establishment of health and nutrition-oriented school nurseries, seeds and seedling centers, gardens and animal raising and fishpond production as major inputs to school and community efforts;
- g. integrate health and nutrition concepts, messages and services in non-formal education and functional literacy and continuing education programs for adults and out-of-school youths to contribute to the development of desirable family and community values; and
- h. participate, through the Regional Directors' Offices, in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of regional and local nutrition programs.

3. Regional Directors and Schools Division/City Superintendents are expected to spearhead activities that will translate the role of DepED on the PPAN into tangible programs and projects to uplift the nutritional status of the school children.

4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

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None

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