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SCHOOL CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

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

1. The Department of Education (DepED), through the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC), will celebrate the School Children's Oral Health Awareness Week on October 12-18, 2003. This is one of the highlights of School Health Month in October.

2. This celebration aims to increase the level of awareness among the school children, teachers, school administrators and parents on the importance of oral hygiene in the prevention of tooth decay.

3. All school health and nutrition personnel, specifically the school dentists, are expected to take the lead in the conduct the following the activities to celebrate the event.

First Day: Awareness on the celebration in schools through:

- Announcement during flag raising ceremony;
- Streamers display; and
- Use of multi-media in the locality

Second Day: Sodium Fluoride Mouthrinsing

Coordination with local Philippine Dental Association (PDA) chapters re: conduct of the following:

- Dental services to pupils; and
- Oral health education, toothbrushing drills

Third Day: Dental service to pupils/students

Fourth Day: Dental service to teachers and non-teaching personnel

Fifth Day: Lectures/symposia on the importance of oral hygiene

4. One of the highlights of the week will be the launching of the third (3rd) "Bright Smiles, Bright Futures (BSBF) Poster-Making Contest from October 12, 2003 to February 9, 2004. This will be participated in by Grades I-III pupils in schools implementing the BSBF Program.

5. For more information, contact the Health and Nutrition Center, at tel no. 633-72-45, locals 2092 and 2153, DepED, 5th Floor, Mabini Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

6. Regional directors and school administrators are encouraged to extend full support to the activities.

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

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Secretary

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