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WORLD AIDS DAY

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

1. The Department of Education will join the celebration of World Aids Day on December 1, 2003 with the theme "Live and Let Live".
2. The celebration focuses on the elimination of stigma and discrimination which are major obstacles to effective HIV/AIDS prevention and care. The celebration will likewise encourage people to break the silence and barriers so that the fight against the disease may be effectively pursued by all sectors.
3. All schools are encouraged to support the celebration by undertaking the following activities:
 - a. Bulletin Board display in a strategic place in the school, giving emphasis on the theme;
 - b. Highlighting the significance of the event during the flag raising ceremony on December 1 (Monday);
 - c. Conduct of symposia, panel discussions, film showing, etc., on HIV/AIDS prevention and control; and
 - d. Integration of HIV/AIDS prevention in appropriate learning areas.
4. Regional directors (RDs) and schools division/city superintendents (SDs) shall designate the school health personnel to take the lead in the coordination of the aforementioned activities. Advocacy on the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS should be conducted, more particularly to high school students and parents. A report on these activities shall be included in the 4th quarter report on the School Health Program to be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Attention: Health and Nutrition Center (HNC), DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City
5. For more information, please contact Ms. Ma. Sonia Gabrieles, HNC, DepED Central Office at tel. no. 632-13-61 to 70 locals 2092 and 2153.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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