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2006 NATIONAL SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION CONGRESS

To: Bureau Directors
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 hold the 2006 National School Health and Nutrition Congress at the Benitez Hall, Senior Mess, Teachers Camp, Baguio City on October 9-12, 2006 to highlight the celebration of School Health Month in October, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 471 dated September 27, 1994.
2. The Congress shall focus on the theme "*School-Based Management (SBM): A Cost-Effective Strategy for Sustained School Health and Nutrition Development*" to underscore the urgent need to empower schools and communities to implement a school-community based primary health care program.
3. The Congress aims to achieve the following objectives:
 - a) orient the participants on the government's initiatives to mitigate hunger among children and their families
 - b) present the health and nutrition state of the Filipino school children
 - c) discuss effective health and nutrition interventions implemented in schools
 - d) explain what School-Based Management (SBM) is, and its impact on school-community mobilization for health and nutrition improvement of the school populace
 - e) pump-prime delivery of adolescent health services in schools
 - f) enhance existing partnerships with local and foreign GOs, NGOs and business sector
 - g) foster camaraderie between and among health and nutrition workers from various sectors and forge commitments and grand alliances for school health.
4. Considering the relevance and importance of this Congress towards the effective delivery of a decentralized Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program for the attainment of Millennium Developmental Goals (MDG) and Education for All (EFA), the following officials (from all regions including ARMM) are allowed to attend on official business:
 - Regional Health and Nutrition Division personnel
 - All division schools medical officers

- Division dentists-in-charge
- Division nurses-in-charge
- School health personnel from public and private secondary schools
- Officials from partner agencies-GOs and NGOs
- School Administrators

5. Officials from partner agencies- PTCA, DOH, NNC, DSWD, DA-NDA, DILG/LGUs, CWC, Land O Lakes Foundation, Dairy Cooperatives, Plan International, Save the Children, National Commission on Sight Preservation and Diabetes Prevention, Philippine Academy of Physicians, Phil. Pediatric Society, Council of Health Agencies of the Philippines (CHAP), Phil. Ear Institute, Phil. Academy of Physicians in School Health, Inc; Private School Health Officers Association, Inc; CCPI, and IEC/ School Health Committee Members of the PMA, PDA, PNA, and NDAP and other agencies involved in school health are invited to participate in this significant event.

6. A registration fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P3,500.00) shall be collected from each participant to cover board (starting with dinner on the 9th of October to breakfast on the 13th of October) and lodging (October 9-12,2006); kit, souvenir program, plaques/ certificates, hand-outs, and CDs of scientific papers. Travel expenses and registration fees of personnel from the regional and division health and nutrition units/sections shall be charged against savings of the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program funds or from other available local funds; while health personnel from public secondary schools shall charge their expenses against their own school funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

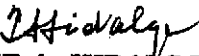
7. Other division school health and nutrition personnel may be allowed to attend, subject to availability of savings from school health and nutrition program operations or may be sourced from LGUs, Local School Board Fund and NGOs. Health personnel from private schools shall make financial arrangements with their respective institutions. Participants from agencies stated in Par. 5 and other concerned organizations shall likewise pay the full registration fee.

8. Board and lodging of invited retirees (school health and nutrition personnel retiring this SY 2005-2006) and Search winners and rental of AV equipment shall be charged against Health and Nutrition Center funds. Board and lodging and professional fees/honoraria of speakers, resource persons, consultants and facilitators; board and lodging, payment of extra essential services and overtime pay of facilitators, staff and secretariat shall be charged against registration fees.

9. Participants are discouraged from bringing their families with them as accommodations are limited. Those with heart ailment and/or hypertension are advised to come with medical certificate attesting their fitness to attend the Congress.

10. Members of the different committees are considered as participants, thus, shall pay the registration fee chargeable against HNC funds, and are authorized to travel two (2) days before the Congress.

11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.


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