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2008 NATIONAL MENTAL RETARDATION WEEK

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

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1385, this year's National Mental Retardation Week will be observed on February 11-17, 2008. The celebration is also part of the observance of the Philippine Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2003-2012) as outlined in Presidential Proclamation No. 240. This year's theme is "Promoting Children's Rights Through Meaningful Collaboration": "Ugnayan Pagtibayin, Karapatang Pambata Pagyamanin".

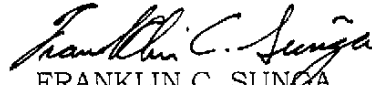
2. This Department, in collaboration with other government and non-government agencies is encouraging all schools especially those with Special Education Division (SPED) programs to conduct any of the following suggested school-based activities during the week:

- a. Conducting advocacy campaign in radio and television shows featuring children and youth with mental retardation as child advocates;
- b. Discussing best practices on the inclusion of children with mental retardation during teachers and parents meetings or in regular classes featuring their success stories;
- c. Holding cultural shows, camps, sportsfest, photo and work exhibits and other activities that will showcase the potential capabilities of children and youth with mental retardation;
- d. Inviting the public to visit schools and classes or other educational services provided to children and youth with mental retardation; and
- e. Conducting dialogues with parents, service providers and stakeholders on the theme of the celebration.

3. All activities to be undertaken shall in no way disrupt regular classes nor compromise their supervision. All activities that are community-based should be conducted during Saturdays and Sundays of the week.

4. At the National Capital Region (NCR), the Quezon City Government in coordination with the Special Education Division (SPED), Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE) and the Philippine Association for the Retarded (PAR) and Jaycees International Quezon City Capitol will sponsor the Annual Camp Pag-ibig at Balara, Quezon City on February 11-17, 2008. Children enrolled in special classes in Regions I, III, IV-A, IV-B and CAR including teachers, administrators and supervisors are also invited to join the activity.

5. For more information, please contact the SPED-BEE, DepED Central Office, 2nd Floor, Bonifacio Bldg., Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, tel. nos. (02) 631-99-93 and (02) 632-13-61 local 2054.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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