

Republic of the Philippines **Bepartment of Education**



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WORLD AIDS DAY CELEBRATION

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

- 1. World AIDS Day will be celebrated on December 1, 2008 with the theme **"Take the Lead"** as a clarion call against a disease that threatens countries around the world, infects millions of people worldwide and is currently on the rise in the country today.
- 2. All public and private elementary and secondary schools are enjoined to organize educational and social activities in order to strengthen proper information on HIV/AIDS prevention.
- 3. The following are the suggested activities:
 - hanging of streamers in strategic places within the school;
 - b. conduct of seminars/fora to strengthen HIV/AIDS education;
 - mobilization of school health personnel to supplement and complement classroom instruction on HIV/AIDS prevention;
 - d. coordination with local and other government agencies and other private sectors in the conduct of advocacy activities within the schools and communities.
- 4. Regional directors and schools division superintendents are encouraged to support the HIV/AIDS control and prevention education program. The regional/division health and nutrition units/sections, in coordination with other government organizations (GOs) and nongovernment organizations (NGOs), shall take the lead in planning, implementation, and monitoring of the activities in their respective areas of coverage.

- 5. It is expected that narrative and pictorial reports concerning the World AIDS Day activities be incorporated in the 4th quarter report on the Integrated School Health ad Nutrition Program, submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Attention: the Director, Health and Nutrition Center, DepED Central Office, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.
- 6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

RAMON C. BACANI Undersecretary

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