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STRENGTHENING THE EXPANDED UNIVERSAL MEDICAL AND DENTAL CHECK-UP
(E-UMDC) IN SCHOOLS

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

1. In support of Executive Order No. 595, known as the "Health Education Reform Order (HERO) of 2006", this Department, through the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) and the Adopt-A-School Program (ASP), implements E-UMDC to underscore the need to promote good health and nutrition among pupils/students in order for them to fully gain the maximum benefits of education and in response to the nationwide threat of an increasing number of confirmed Influenza A (H1N1) cases.
2. This project is in partnership with health specialty associations like the Philippine College of Physicians (PCP), Philippine Medical Association (PMA), Philippine Dental Association (PDA), Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS) and the Philippine Association of Ophthalmologists (PAO), among others.
3. All Regional Directors and Schools Division Superintendents are hereby enjoined to provide full administrative/financial support to the E-UMDC and to mobilize school health and nutrition personnel in the conduct of the following activities:
 - a. Intensify information campaign among the school populace on the prevention and control of infectious diseases like the Influenza A (H1N1) and Dengue;
 - b. Prioritize examination of pre-schoolers and Grade I pupils (preferably examined as planned by the school health and nutrition personnel);
 - c. Establish data on the health and nutritional status of school children to serve as bases for the planning and sourcing of adequate funds for school feeding and health services; and
 - d. Coordinate with local health service providers and local chapters of health specialty associations to ensure the examination of the target populace and treatment/referral of identified cases.
4. It is reiterated that at least ten percent (10%) of the regional/division MOOE for supplies, shall be allocated for the procurement of medical and dental supplies in accordance with DECS Memorandum No. 342, s. 1995, for the examination and treatment of pupils/students, teachers and non-teaching personnel.

5. Accomplishments shall be incorporated in the quarterly reports of the Health and Nutrition Unit to be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Attn.: Health and Nutrition Center (HNC).
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Undersecretary

Reference:

DepED Memorandum: (No. 342, s. 1995)

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