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**WORK CONFERENCE ON THE NATIONAL DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM (NDEP)**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors

1. Section 43 of Article IV of Republic Act No. 9165 otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002" states that the Department of Education (DepEd) shall support the National Drug Education Program (NDEP) with the school head fully responsible for its effective implementation. Pursuant to such provision, and in compliance with a Presidential directive to intensify the anti-drug abuse campaign, this Department shall hold a *Work Conference on the National Drug Education Program* at the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), Tagaytay City on June 28-30, 2010.

2. The objectives of the conference are to:

- a. present the thrusts and priorities of the NDEP for SY 2010-2011;
- b. present the random drug testing results, implementation issues, and extent of medical intervention to students found positive for drug use;
- c. discuss medical intervention/treatment of students positive for drug use;
- d. identify regions/divisions with high prevalence of RDT positive cases as areas for inter-agency convergence of drug abuse prevention initiatives/ activities;
- e. map-out effective drug abuse prevention strategies to be implemented in the schools and communities;
- f. conduct a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis on the implementation of the NDEP; and
- g. formulate plans to strengthen the implementation of the NDEP.

3. Recent meetings with the principals of the public and private secondary schools with students found positive for marijuana or shabu or both, have highlighted several problems and issues regarding ways and means to prevent drug abuse in the schools. If only the NDEP be effectively and efficiently implemented, issues/problems on curriculum integration, parenting, advocacy, capacity building, counseling, and others could be addressed. In light of this, the conduct of the conference shall enable the coordinators to guide the school administrators and other personnel on the implementation of the NDEP in their respective areas.



4. The participants to this activity are the designated regional NDEP coordinators (Chief of Health and Nutrition Unit (HNU); representatives from the Elementary, Secondary and Alternative Learning System (ALS) Divisions); officials from the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); and Department of Education (DepEd). Representatives from the non-government organizations (NGOs) are likewise invited to share their experiences in curbing the drug menace.
5. Travel expenses and board and lodging of participants, supplies, materials, kits, handouts, rental of equipment, honorarium of consultants, resource speakers, facilitators and staff, and contingencies/other operational costs shall be chargeable against Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. For more information, please contact Mrs. Rosario R. Magat, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Programs at tel. no.: (02) 638-8525 and/or through e-mail address: [asectgsantos@yahoo.com](mailto:asectgsantos@yahoo.com).
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

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