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Division Memorandum

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6th GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION

To: PS District Supervisors/ District In Charge
Public/ Private Secondary School Principals
Public/ Private Elementary School Principals / School Heads
All Health and Nutrition Personnel

1. The field is hereby informed that the 6th Global Handwashing Day will be celebrated on October 15, 2013. On this day millions of children around the world will join hands to echo and reinforced the call for an improved hygiene practices.
2. All Public and Private Schools, Both Elementary and Secondary, EHCP or Non-EHCP Implementers are hereby enjoined to have simultaneous handwashing of pupils/students in schools to be done at 9:30 o'clock in the morning (during recess time) from October 14-18, 2013.
3. Likewise, during the conduct of this activity, parents and school officials are encouraged to join the handwashing activity with their children to develop good and healthy habits and will be a good avenue in instilling behavioral change and raising awareness on the importance of handwashing with soap as a cost-effective and preventive measures to reduce diarrhea, respiratory infections and malnutrition among children.
4. Schools Heads are also requested to do any of the following suggested activities:
 - a.) Hanging of streamers in strategic place within the school
 - b.) Conduct orientation to parents on the need to practice handwashing by coordinating with Local Government Units (Provincial, Municipal and Barangay) and private sector in the conduct of this advocacy activities.
 - c.) Improvement / construction of WASH facilities by the PTA and education stakeholders
 - d.) Integrate/ provide sample games and songs with specific messages on health improvement and prevention of diseases during classroom activities.
 - e.) Conduct other activities pertaining to handwashing
5. Health and Nutrition personnel in coordination with LGU and other Non- Government organizations, private/ corporate institution shall take the lead in the planning, implementing and monitoring of the activities in their respective area of coverage.
6. It is expected that narrative and pictorial reports on the activity be incorporated in the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program (ISHNP) reports for the month of October 2013 for submission to Regional Health and Nutrition Unit, DepED, Cagayan de Oro City.
7. For your information, guidance and compliance.


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