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“2016 Global Handwashing Day Celebration ”

To: All Public School District Supervisors
All Public Elementary and Secondary School Principals/School Heads
All Public Elementary and Secondary School Teachers


1. The Department of Education will celebrate the 2016 Global Handwashing Day Celebration (GHD) with the theme “Make Handwashing a Habit” on October 14, 2016. The theme emphasizes the importance of handwashing as a ritual behavior for long term sustainability.

2. The celebration aims to create a global awareness about handwashing, attract and inspire increased investment in handwashing effort globally as well as to promote correct hygiene and sanitation practices among learners in order to achieve and maintain a clean, safe and healthy environment in and around the school area.

3. Relative to this, all school officials are enjoined to support the 2016 GHD through the following suggested activities.

- a. **Conduct** seminars on water, sanitation and hygiene practices to heighten awareness on the importance of effectively preventing water-bourne diseases and other health concerns.
- b. **Supplementing** and complementing handwashing with activities promoting healthy habits in schools.
- c. **Coordinating** with partners, stakeholders and other government agencies in the conduct of activities for water, hygiene and sanitation advocacy.
- d. **Highlighting** the 2016 GHD celebration in all regions, divisions and schools.
- e. **Hanging** of streamers in strategic places within the school premises and DepEd offices.
- f. **Discussions** on the importance of hygiene and sanitation within the curriculum.

4. Immediate and wide dissemination is desired.


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