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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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TO : Schools Division Superintendents
 Health and Nutrition Personnel

FROM : ~~WILFRED E. CABRAL~~, CESO III
 Regional Director

SUBJECT : **INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL 2023**

DATE : May 11, 2023

1. Enclosed is a copy of OUOPS Memorandum No. 2023-03-4281 signed by Undersecretary for Operations Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, dated May 02, 2023, contents of which are self-explanatory for information, guidance appropriate action for all concerned.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum is desired.



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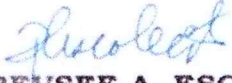


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OPERATIONS

OUOPS No. 2023-03-4281

MEMORANDUM

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND BARMM**
Schools Division Superintendent
Division Chiefs
Health and Nutrition Personnel
School Heads
Others Concerned

FROM : 
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO *ll*
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL**
2023

DATE: : 02 May 2023

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial (IACM) is an annual commemoration to remember those people who have died of AIDS and to honor the people who have dedicated their lives in helping those living with and affected by HIV positive individuals. This is also the time to raise social consciousness about HIV/AIDS to address the stigma and discrimination.

This year, the 2023 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial will be celebrated on May 21, 2023 highlighting the stigma and self-stigma experienced by people living with HIV with the theme: “**Spread Love and Solidarity to Build Stronger Communities**”.

In line with this, the Office of Undersecretary for Operations, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), encourages all DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel, student leaders and adolescent learners field offices to participate for the following:

1. posting of event banner and red ribbons, which is a symbol of AIDS awareness, in DepEd Offices and schools;
2. sharing of social media content regarding HIV/AIDS from the Official *OK sa DepEd* Facebook Page and DepEd Philippines Facebook Page;

3. distribution of educational materials;
4. posting messages of support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in social media;
5. conducting of HIV/AIDS awareness seminars/symposiums; and
6. a candlelight memorial activity.

It is requested to use #IACM2023, #AIDScandlelightmemorial2023, and #OKsaDepEd, #MATATAG #BansangMakabata #BatangMakabansa #DepEdPhilippines when posting pictures and sharing content in an online platform. Information materials can be accessed through: <https://bit.ly/IACM-2023>.

Adolescent Reproductive Health Focal Persons, Information Officers, and Youth Formation Officers are requested to disseminate the information and join in the activities.

For more information and concerns, please contact Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao, Chief Health Program Officer, or Phanny S. Ramos, Health Education and Promotion Officer III, BLSS-SHD through (02) 8-632-9935 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph / arh@deped.gov.ph .

For immediate and appropriate action.