



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

October 10, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

ORD. NO. 1042 s. 2023

To : **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
SGOD and CID Chiefs  
School Health and Nutrition Section  
School Heads  
All Others Concerned

**2023 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY**

1. The **Department of Education (DepEd)** through the **Bureau of Learner Support Services- School – School Health Division (BLSS- SHD)**, in partnership with the **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)** shall spearhead this year’s celebration of the **Global Handwashing Day** with the theme “**Clean Hands are Within Reach.**” This global advocacy is celebrated every 15<sup>th</sup> day of October and is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.
2. In line with the said celebration, a short program titled **Malinis na Kamay, Tulay sa Malusog at Matatag na Kinabukasan** shall be broadcasted via the **DepEd Philippines Facebook Page** on **October 13, 2023 (Friday), 1:30- 2:30 p.m.** This activity aims to highlight the importance of promoting a culture of hand hygiene and to emphasize hand hygiene as a critical public health measure to ensure safe schools and communities.
3. To showcase best practices in hand hygiene- related activities, the event shall feature **Handwashing Jingles with videos** and **Commitment Videos** submitted by regions. Attached herewith is **Memorandum OUOPS No. 2023-03 from Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary of Operations, DepEd** which includes the **Indicative Program** and **Mechanics for the Commitment Videos and Handwashing Jingles.**
4. In this regard, all Deped Offices and Schools are enjoined to participate in the above- mentioned activities.
5. The Schools Division Superintendents are enjoined to ensure and monitor the participation of personnel and learners to the said activity.



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6. For more information, please contact Dr. Connie P. Gepanayao, MD, FPPS, Medical Officer IV and Head of the School Health and Nutrition Unit, or Dr. Merlino M. Mateo, DMD, MPA, Regional Supervising Dentist DepEd NCR through email at [hnu.ncr@deped.gov.ph](mailto:hnu.ncr@deped.gov.ph) or cellphone no.0998-863-6200.

7. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

  
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