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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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TO : Schools Division Superintendents
 Division GPP Focal Persons

FROM : **JOCELYN DR. ANDAYA** *JMA*
 Director IV

SUBJECT : **ENDORSEMENT OF THE 1ST METRO MANILA AIDS WALK**

DATE : November 28, 2023

1. Attached is the memorandum OM-OASOPS-2023-11-28 dated November 21, 2023, from Dr. Dexter A. Galban, Assistant Secretary for Operations, DepEd Central Office, Pasig City endorsing the 1st Metro Manila AIDS Walk: A Walk to end AIDS by 2030 on December 02, 2023, 4:30am at Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park.
2. In view of this, we would like to invite learners from Grade 10 to Grade 12 and their families along with their teachers/advisors to take part in this activity. Other DepEd employees are also encouraged to participate in the event to promote awareness and show support for the HIV/AIDS services.
3. Conduct of the said activity is subject to existing rules and regulations of our Agency. Participation is free of charge, voluntary and non-mandatory.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum is desired.



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OM-OASOPS-2023-11-28

MEMORANDUM

TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : 
DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN
Assistant Secretary for Operations

SUBJECT : ENDORSEMENT OF THE 1ST METRO MANILA AIDS WALK

DATE : 21 NOVEMBER 2023

This is in reference to the letter of the Department of Health – Metro Manila Center for Health Development (DOH-MMCHD) to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations, dated 13 November 2023 regarding their request for endorsement of the **1st Metro Manila AIDS Walk: A Walk to End AIDS by 2030**, which is part of this year's observance of the World AIDS Day.

The said **event will be held at 4:30 AM of 2 December 2023 (Saturday) at the historical Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park** where the main target participants are the youth aged 15 years old and above, walking together with their families, national and local government agencies, health institutions, the private sector, non-government organizations, and the key affected communities. Attached herewith is the letter from DOH for your further reference.

With this, we would like to respectfully endorse to your good office the request of the DOH-MMCHD for your consideration and appropriate action, subject to existing rules and regulations of our Agency on the conduct of these activities.

Kindly take note that **participation in the 1st Metro Manila AIDS Walk is free of charge, voluntary, and non-mandatory.**

For inquiries and clarification, kindly reach out to Dr. Adorissa N. Jurao, Medical Officer IV of the Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Cluster - Local Health Support Division, MMCHD at 8531-0037 local 107 and email at adn.jurao@deped.gov.ph



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
METRO MANILA CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT

November 13, 2023

DEXTER A. GALBAN, RN, RBP, MD, MBA, MPM

Assistant Secretary for Operations
Department of Education (DepEd)
2nd Floor Department of Education Building,
Deped Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

Dear Asec. Galban,

The Philippines faces the fastest-growing HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) epidemic, as indicated by the 2022 Global AIDS Monitoring Report. It is estimated that there will be 55,800 People Living with HIV (PLHIV) by the end of 2023, and this trend is expected to continue if no interventions are done. Furthermore, it is estimated that two (2) out of three (3) new HIV infections occur in the 15 to 24-year-old age group. Based on 2022 Integrated HIV Behavioral & Serologic surveillance (IHBSS), lack of awareness, lack of training and outdated HIV school references are one of the challenges identified and data states that there is a one (1) year lag of condom use for the said age group increasing the risk of getting the disease.

The Department of Health – Metro Manila Center for Health Development (DOH-MMCHD) embarked on a fast-track approach towards ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030, with the goal of achieving the ambitious 95-95-95 targets by 2028. Annually on December 1, the nation observes World AIDS Day. This year, the theme will be “Let Communities Lead”, recognizing PLHIV community efforts and fostering unity to raise awareness about the disease and commit to ending it by 2030. The DOH-MMCHD, in partnership with the Local Government Unit (LGU) and Project Red Ribbon Care Management Foundation, Inc. will be hosting the 1st Metro Manila AIDS Walk: A Walk to End AIDS by 2030.

The AIDS Walk is proposed to be held in the historical Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park and will involve walking along Roxas Boulevard to Rajah Sulayman Park, then return to the Grandstand where there will be activities on stage. This event will start at 4:30 AM on Saturday, December 2, 2023, the main target participants of the said event are the youth aged 15 years old and above, walking together with their families, national and local government agencies, health institutions, the private sector, non-government organizations, and the key affected communities.

Given the public health significance of this inaugural event, we would like to invite you and your representative to participate in this event. Since the main target participants are the youth, we kindly request your assistance that learners from Grade 10 to Grade 12 and their teachers/advisors to take part in this activity. We would also greatly appreciate if the entire Department of Education (DepEd) and all its employees would also support this momentous activity in reaching out to the youth.

Highly appreciate your positive response and consideration of our request. We are more than willing to provide any additional information you may need. Should you have further inquiries and clarification, you may contact Dr. Adorissa N. Jurao, Medical Officer IV of the Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Cluster - Local Health Support Division, MMCHD at 8531-0037 local 107 or thru her mobile at 09338118963 and email at ara.jurao@ncro.doh.gov.ph

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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