

Republic of the Philippines

Department of Education NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM ORD- 416

TO

SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM

JOCELYN DR. ANDAYA

Director IV

SUBJECT :

CREATION OF RANDOM DRUG TESTING COMMITTEE

DATE

APRIL 17, 2024

- 1. Enclosed is a copy of DM-OUOPS-2024-03.02101 signed by Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary for Operations dated March 14, 2024 titled, "CREATION OF RANDOM DRUG TESTING COMMITTEE".
- 2. The contents of which are self-explanatory, for information and guidance of all concerned.
- 3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.





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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM DM-OUOPS-2024-03-0210\

FOR/TO

: UNDERSECRETARIES

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES

BUREAU AND SERVICE DIRECTORS

REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM

ATTY/ REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO

Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT

CREATION OF RANDOM DRUG TESTING COMMITTEE

DATE

: March 14, 2024

- 1. The Preventive Drug Education (PDE) program is implemented by the Department of Education (DepEd), as mandated by Republic Act No. 9165 or the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002." This aims to inform, instruct, and protect the physical and mental well-being of the youth from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs and other illegal substances.
- 2. This is part of DepEd's commitment to the anti-illegal drugs programs of the government, serving the students by strengthening their information campaign and providing alternative youth formation activities and advocacies to equip them to become contributing members of the society.
- 3. The random drug testing (RDT) is a component of PDE program to help determine prevalence of drug usage in schools. It plays an important role to protect learners and ensure that they are learning in a safe and conducive environment.
- 4. The Department shall conduct the RDT for secondary learners in FY 2024 to 2025.
- 5. In view of the foregoing, the Department hereby creates a **Random Drug Testing Committee**, with the following members:

Chairperson

: Undersecretary Revsee A. Escobedo or their

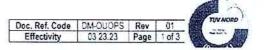
designated representative

Co-Chairperson

: Undersecretary Omar Alexander V. Romero or their

designated representative

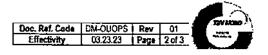




Members

- a. Representatives from each of the Regional Offices as designated by the Regional Directors
- b. Atty. Suzette T. Gannaban-Medina, Officer-in-Charge, Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services (BLSS) and Learner Rights and Protection Office (LRPO)
- c. Dr. Ma. Corazon C. Dumlao, Chief Health Program Officer, BLSS-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD)
- d. Rovin James F. Canja, Project Development Officer IV, Officer-in-Charge, BLSS-Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD)
- e. Cesar S. Abalon, Chief, BLSS-School Sports Division (BLSS-SSD)
- f. John Carlo Magbuhos, Administrative Support II, LRPO
- 6. The Committee shall undertake the following duties and responsibilities:
 - a. Oversee the Department's conduct of RDT;
 - b. Initiate training and continuing education and awareness program for learners:
 - c. Initiate and adopt value information, family enhancement, and such other related and relevant programs; and
 - d. Formulate and put in place the Department's Drug Testing Program which shall be in accordance with pertinent provisions of RA 9165 and pertinent regulations.
- 7. The following officers are designated to constitute the Secretariat of the Committee:
 - a. Rovin James F. Canja, PDO IV, Officer-in-Charge, BLSS-YFD;
 - b. Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao, Chief Health Program Officer, BLSS-SHD;
 - c. Representative from the Legal Service;
 - d. Ma. Irmina Fidelis S. Gracia, Technical Assistant II, BLSS-Office of the Director
- 8. The Secretariat shall be responsible for assisting the RDT Committee.
- 9. The Committee shall immediately convene upon issuance of this Memorandum and shall regularly report its work to the Secretary of the Department.
- 10. The Office of the Secretary shall allocate adequate funds for the operations of the Committee and the implementation of its programs, subject to the availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

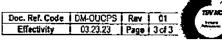




- 11. For inquiries and other concerns, the RDT Committee Secretariat may contacted through direct line at 8637-9814 or through email at yfd@deped.gov.ph.
- 12. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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DESIGNATION OF ATTY. SUZETTE T. GANNABAN-MEDINA AS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Division Chiefs
All Others Concerned

- In view of the official travel of ASec. Dexter A. Galban, Assistant Secretary for Operations, and in the exigency of service, Atty. Suzette T. Gannaban-Medina, OlC, Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services, is designated as Officer-in-Charge (OIC), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations effective March 12-14, 2024.
- As OIC, Attorney Medina shall sign official correspondence in the following manner:

ATTY. SUZETTE T. GANNABAN-MEDINA

OIC-Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations

Immediate dissemination of this Order is directed.

By Authority of the Secretary:

WILFREDO E. CABRAL M Regional Director

Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development

SMMA, APA, MPC, OO Designation of Atty. Medina as OIC, Office of ASec for Operations 0083 - March 6, 2024