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Department of Education
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: Schools Division Superintendents
 School Health Personnel and Health Coordinators
 All Others Concerned

INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL 2024

1. Enclosed is a copy of Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2024-09-03679 signed by Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary for Operations, dated May 03, 2024 titled “**International AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2024**”.
2. 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 division offices to commemorate the IACM on May 20-25, 2024 through the following:
 - 2.1 Posting of event banner;
 - 2.2 Sharing of social media content regarding HIV/AIDS from official social media accounts of schools and division offices;
 - 2.3 Distribution of educational materials;
 - 2.4 Writing letters and or posting messages of support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) on social media;
 - 2.5 Conduct of HIV/AIDS awareness seminars/symposiums;
 - 2.6 Red ribbon campaign: distribution of red ribbon, the universal symbol of HIV/AIDS awareness; and
 - 2.7 Other related candlelight memorial activities.
3. For further details, please refer to the enclosures.
4. Immediate dissemination and compliance to the Memorandum is desired.

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Encl.: As stated



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TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND BARMM EDUCATION MINISTER
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ESSD and SGOD CHIEFS
HEALTH AND NUTRITION PERSONNEL
SCHOOL HEADS
OTHERS CONCERNED

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

SUBJECT : INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL 2024

DATE : May 3, 2024

The **International AIDS Candlelight Memorial (IACM)** is an annual commemoration on the third Sunday of May to remember those people who have died of AIDS and, honor the memories of those who have lost their lives to HIV and AIDS, and support those who are living with the virus.

This year, the 2024 IACM will be emphasizing the importance of prioritizing the needs and rights of people living with and affected by HIV with the theme: **“PUT TOGETHER FIRST: *Kandila ng Pagkalinga, Liwanag ng Pag-asa.*”** It also calls for collective action to empower individuals and communities to fight against stigma and discrimination and to advocate for equitable access to services - HIV prevention, referral, treatment, care, and support services.

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 field offices to commemorate the IACM on **May 20-25, 2024** through the following:

1. posting of the event banner;
2. sharing of social media content regarding HIV/AIDS from the DepEd Tayo and DepEd Philippines Facebook Page;
3. distribution of educational materials;
4. creating informational posters to display around the school;
5. writing letters and or posting messages of support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) on social media;
6. conducting of HIV/AIDS awareness seminars/symposiums;
7. red ribbon campaign: distribution of red ribbons, the universal symbol of HIV/AIDS awareness; and



8. other related candlelight memorial activity.

All participants are requested to use the following hashtags when posting pictures and sharing content in an online platform: **#AIDScandlelightmemorial2024**, **#IACM2024**, **#OKsaDepEd**, **#MATATAG**, **#BansangMakabata** **#BatangMakabansa**, and **#DepEdPhilippines**. Information and other materials can be accessed through <https://rb.gy/ugoqlq>.

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

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

For immediate and appropriate action.

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