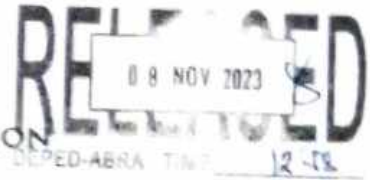




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OBSERVANCE OF DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL WEEK 2023

To: **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent**
Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)
Chief, School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 124, dated November 26, 2001, declaring the third 3rd week of November every year as Drug Abuse Prevention and Control (DAPC) Week with the theme: *"People First: Stop stigma and discrimination, strengthen prevention."* With this, the field is hereby enjoined to observe DAPC Week this November 12-18, 2023 in order to promote public awareness against the dangerous and ill-effects of drugs (tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs) and to arouse public cooperation in the government's anti-drug campaign.

2. In line with this, school heads and all teaching and non-teaching personnel are asked to re-visit school policy on drug-free workplace or schools and give emphasis to the promotion of drug prevention (tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs).

3. The observance shall be integrated into curricular activities as deemed reasonable and appropriate, so long as the total number of school days shall not be compromised (DO 34, s. 2022) and that Engaged Time-on-Task Policy of DepEd should be observed (DO 9, s. 2005).

3. Following health and safety protocols, school heads shall ensure the conduct of activities relative to the observance of the 2023 Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week with the following objectives:

- a) Enhance School NDEP and tobacco control boards and signages.
- b) Promotion of drug-free workplace and school like bookmarks and other IEC materials.
- c) Intensify the educational campaign against drug abuse and tobacco control including LAC and school PTA meeting conference.
- d) Posting of infographics online.
- e) Craft or enhance action plan/projects on the SIP relative to anti-drug campaigns and tobacco control.



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- f) Discuss and develop strategies and school policies among school officials and stakeholders relative to anti-drug and tobacco control campaigns in maintaining a drug-free school.
4. SELG/SSLG and BKD officers shall spearhead the activity in collaboration with the school NDEP Coordinators and SELG/SSLG Advisers (DO 21, s.2019).
5. Expenses incurred for the conduct of this activity shall be charged to school MOOE following usual accounting rules and regulations, and procedures.
6. Reports shall be part of the NDEP Accomplishment Report and shall be submitted to darren.carino@deped.gov.ph not later than November 30, 2023.
7. The DAPC week shall be monitored by the SDO-Based School Health Personnel and shall provide necessary technical assistance to schools. Transportation, per diem and other incidental expenses shall be charged against the OKD Support Funds/SBFP Support Funds/Division MOOE subject to usual accounting and auditing procedures.
8. For immediate dissemination and compliance.

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