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Division Memorandum  
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**IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL-BASED HIV AND AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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 Republic Act (RA) No. 11166 otherwise known as the *Philippine HIV AIDS Policy Act of 2018* and DepEd Order 47, s. 2012 titled *Implementation of the School-Based HIV and AIDS Education Program (SBHAEP) of the Department of Education*, the field is hereby enjoined to observe World AIDS Day this December 1, 2023

2. We mark the 35<sup>th</sup> commemoration of this significant day with the theme **"World AIDS Day 35: Remember and Commit."** The primary goal is to draw strength and determination from those we have lost to HIV/AIDS, redoubling our efforts to fight the disease and provide support to those with HIV. It also emphasizes our collective responsibility to improve health equity and end disparities in access to prevention, care, and treatment, while promoting scientific education and awareness.

3. All public elementary and secondary schools are enjoined to strengthen their School-Based HIV and AIDS Education Program (SBHAEP) under the Adolescent Reproductive Health Education (ARH) OKD Flagship Program.

4. The following are the suggested activities:

- a) Hanging of streamers in strategic places within the school.
- b) Printing and sharing bookmarks, flyers, red ribbons, and other IEC materials.
- c) Conduct of fora, health talks, and film showing to strengthen HIV/AIDS education.
- d) Sharing of infographics on social media.
- e) Mobilization of school health personnel to supplement and complement classroom instruction on HIV/AIDS prevention.
- f) Integration of HIV/AIDS prevention into appropriate learning areas.
- g) Coordination with local and other government agencies and other private sectors in the conduct of advocacy activities within the schools and communities.

4. School Heads are advised to make necessary arrangements to ensure that there will be no disruption of classes, as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, titled



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***Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*** during the conduct of these activities.

5. Expenses incurred for the conduct of these activities may be charged to the school MOOE following the usual accounting rules, regulations, and procedures.
6. The activities shall be monitored by the SDO-Based School Health Personnel, who will 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.
7. Narrative and pictorial reports concerning the World AIDS Day activities shall be submitted to [karrenmarie.paganao@deped.gov.ph](mailto:karrenmarie.paganao@deped.gov.ph) not later than December 15, 2023.
8. For immediate dissemination and compliance.

  
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Enc./s: None  
Reference: DO 47, s. 2012  
DO 45, s. 2012  
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