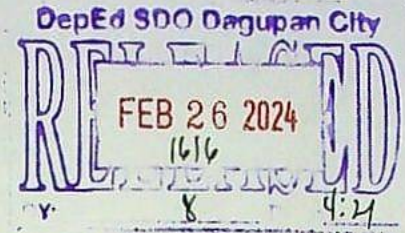




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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

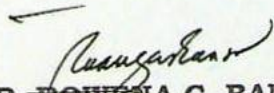
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TO: School Heads/Principals of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
FROM: The Schools Division Superintendent
DATE: February 20, 2024
SUBJECT: ORAL HEALTH AWARENESS

The Schools Division Office-Dagupan City, Schools Governance Operations Division through the Health and Nutrition Unit observes Oral Health Awareness among school populace. In line with the celebration of the 20th National Dental Health Month pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 559 dated February 24, 2004, which aims to promote oral health education and good oral hygiene habits.

The school heads are encouraged to conduct the suggested activities as stated in the memorandum from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations (OUOPS) #2024-09-00586 and submit an accomplishment picture with captions to the School Health and Nutrition Unit, c/o Dr. Jeaneline R. Trigue / Dr. Giovanni Anthony A. Arafiles, on or before March 22, 2024.

For your information, guidance and compliance.


DR. ROWENA C. BANZON, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent



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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

FROM : *[Signature]*
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : CELEBRATION OF 20TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

DATE : January 11, 2024

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), will celebrate the 20th National Dental Health Month in February 2024 with the theme "Celebrating Decades of Healthy Smiles". This is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 559 dated February 24, 2004.

The celebration aims to:

- a) To promote oral health awareness and education nationwide and
- b) Promote good oral hygiene habits.

The month-long celebration should launch fun-filled activities that will increase oral health awareness among the learners and the school populace as well. The following are the suggested activities:

First Week	Oral Health Awareness Campaigns: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiate school-wide campaign to raise awareness about oral health• Use bulletin boards, newsletters, and social media platforms to share oral health tips, facts, and resources.• Attend National toothbrushing day "Sang Milyong Sipilyo Sabayang Pagsisipilyo."
Second Week	Oral Health Workshops and Seminars: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classroom activities (lectures/Oral health education)• Social media campaign

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School community oral health awareness through orientation, lectures and activities involving parents, teaching and non-teaching staff
Third Week	Delivery of Dental services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with local dental clinics or practitioners to organize on-site dental check-ups for students. • Provide information to parents about the importance of regular dental check-ups.
Fourth Week	Interactive Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up interactive workshops that include hands-on activities. • Have demonstrations on proper brushing techniques and provide students with toothbrushes and dental floss to practice.

DepEd school dentists are advised to coordinate with the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) local chapters and other stakeholders on the activities scheduled during the month – long celebration. Dentists and other school health personnel in the regions and school’s divisions shall take the lead in the celebration.

For more information, all concerned may contact the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), 3rd floor, Mabini Building, Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at Landline (02) 8632-9935 or through email blss.shd@deped.gov.ph and the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) at telephone nos. (02)890 – 4609 and (02)897 – 8091.

For dissemination to all concerned.