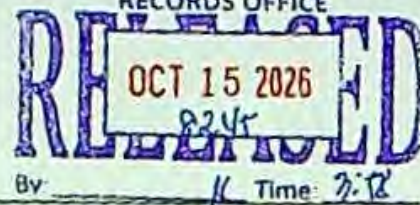




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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 604, s. 2026

2026 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors - CID and SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All others concerned

1. In line with DepEd Memorandum No. OM-OUGOPE-2026-10-0405 dated October 4, 2026, regarding the 2026 Global Handwashing Day Celebration, the Schools Division Office of Dagupan City enjoins all public elementary and secondary schools to participate in the celebration on October 15, 2026 (Thursday), with the theme "Be a Handwashing Hero."

2. The celebration aims to raise awareness of the importance of proper handwashing with soap as a simple yet effective way to prevent diseases, promote personal hygiene, and protect the health and well-being of learners and school personnel. This initiative also supports the implementation of the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Schools (WinS) Program pursuant to DepEd Order No. 10, s. 2016.

3. In this regard, all School Heads and School WinS Coordinators are directed to undertake the following activities:

a. Participate in the Virtual Celebration. Encourage School Heads, WinS Coordinators, teaching and non-teaching personnel, and other concerned stakeholders to watch the virtual program on October 15, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon via the official DepEd Philippines Facebook page.

b. Conduct Simultaneous Handwashing Activities. Organize a school-wide handwashing activity involving learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, parents, and other stakeholders. Schools shall determine an appropriate schedule on October 15, 2026, ensuring that regular classes and other essential school activities will not be disrupted.



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c. Promote Proper Handwashing Practices. Conduct appropriate information and awareness activities, such as classroom discussions, demonstrations, posters, jingles, and other advocacy materials, to reinforce correct handwashing practices among learners.

d. Document and Promote School Activities. Schools are encouraged to document their activities through photographs and other appropriate materials. Selected activities may be posted on their official school Facebook pages, subject to existing DepEd policies on social media use and the protection of learners' privacy.

e. Prepare and Submit an Accomplishment Report. All public elementary and secondary schools shall prepare and submit an accomplishment report on the conduct of the 2026 Global Handwashing Day Celebration. The report shall include a brief narrative of the activities conducted, the number of participants, photographs with captions, and other relevant supporting documents. The report shall be submitted to the Schools Division Office through the School Health and Nutrition Unit on or before October 23, 2026. You can also submit your soft copy through this link <https://tinyurl.com/GLOBAL-HANDWASHING-DAY-2026>

f. Sustain WinS Initiatives. Continue promoting proper handwashing, access to handwashing facilities, and good hygiene and sanitation practices throughout the school year.

4. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.


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