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OBSERVANCE OF THE 2026 DRUG PREVENTION AND CONTROL WEEK

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division, disseminates the attached Memorandum from **Hon. Malcolm S. Garma**, Undersecretary of Governance and Operations, dated October 14, 2026 titled **"Observance of the 2026 Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week,"** which is self-explanatory.

2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Regional Director

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FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
PRINCIPALS/SCHOOL HEADS/TEACHERS-IN-CHARGE
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary

SUBJECT : **OBSERVANCE OF THE 2026 DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL WEEK**

DATE : October 14, 2026

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 124, s. 2001, which declares the third week of November of every year as Drug Abuse Prevention and Control (DAPC) Week under the auspices of the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), the Department of Education (DepEd) shall support the nationwide observance of the 2026 DAPC Week in the third week of November 2026.

As announced by the DDB, this year's theme is "Nagkakaisang Pamilya at Pamayanan Laban sa Ilegal na Droga Para sa Ligtas at Malusog na Kinabukasan." The theme highlights the shared responsibility of families, schools, and communities in preventing drug abuse and promoting a safe and healthy future.

The observance aims to strengthen learners' knowledge and life skills for drug abuse prevention, promote informed decision-making and help-seeking, and encourage family and community support. Activities shall reinforce existing preventive drug education and learner well-being initiatives.

All DepEd offices, public elementary and secondary schools, community learning centers, and Inclusive Learning Resource Centers are encouraged to undertake age-appropriate and inclusive activities. Private schools are likewise encouraged to participate. Activities shall consider learners' developmental levels, accessibility needs, local conditions, and available resources.

Schools and offices may undertake the following activities:

a. Display of official DAPC Week banners, posters, and bulletin board materials in appropriate locations to communicate the theme and key prevention messages;
b. Brief information and education activities, including classroom discussions, school announcements, and digital advocacy using accurate, age-appropriate materials;
c. Integration of drug abuse prevention messages into appropriate learning areas and existing school routines, emphasizing decision-making, coping skills, healthy relationships, and help-seeking;

d. Learner-led advocacy and peer-support activities under appropriate adult supervision, including participation of existing school organizations such as Barkada Kontra Droga, where established; and
e. School-community prevention initiatives and parent or caregiver information activities in coordination with local government units, health offices, and qualified resource persons.

Activities shall be aligned with DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026, Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education, and applicable calendar and assessment issuances. They shall be integrated into existing learning activities or conducted during appropriate non-instructional periods. They shall not cause suspension or shortening of classes, loss of required instructional time, or disruption of examinations and assessments. Learners and parents shall not be required to contribute money or purchase special materials to participate.

School heads shall coordinate implementation with school health personnel, guidance personnel or designated focal persons, teachers, learner organizations, and parents. Regional and Schools Division Offices may coordinate with the DDB, relevant government agencies, local government units, and community partners for appropriate technical assistance and support.

Official 2026 DAPC Week banners and other resource materials may be accessed through the DDB promotional materials page at https://ddb.gov.ph/promotional-materials as these become available. Schools and offices shall use the official theme accurately and refer to subsequent DDB announcements for additional guidance.

Regional and Schools Division Offices shall disseminate this Memorandum and monitor implementation through existing reporting mechanisms. Brief accomplishment summaries may include participating schools, learners and parents reached, activities conducted, partner support, and implementation concerns.

For further information, please contact the Bureau of Learner Support Services–School Health Division through email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.