



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

January 19, 2023

REGION MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2023-009

CELEBRATION OF THE 19TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), enjoins all DepEd dental health personnel to participate in activities related to the celebration of the **19th National Dental Health Month**. This is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 559, s. 2004, Declaring the month of February of every year as National Dental Health Month.
2. The theme for this year’s celebration is **“Ngiping Protektado, Ngiting Panalo”**, which aims to:
 - a. increase oral health awareness among the public, and
 - b. recognize World Oral Health Day campaigns to unite help reduce the burden of oral diseases, which affect individuals, health systems and economies everywhere.
3. The dentists and other school health personnel in the region and Schools Division Offices shall take the lead in the following activities related to the national celebration:

First Week: School Children Oral Health Awareness

- Oral health campaign through various contest
- School event / Alay Parada
- Distribution of oral health campaign materials (materials available at www.worldoralhealthday.org)

Second Week: Oral Health Education

- Classroom activities (lectures / oral health education)
- Social media campaign
- School community oral health awareness through orientation lectures and activities involving parents, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff.

Third Week: Delivery of dental services

- Provide dental services through the Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd partnership with LGUs, stakeholders and partners.



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Fourth Week: Strengthen linkages

- Establish and strengthen linkages for promotion of oral health through stakeholders involvement.
4. Furthermore, SDOs are requested to submit a Narrative and Photo documentation Reports on the activities done on or before March 7, 2023 and email at minafe.ruz@deped.gov.ph.
5. For more information and clarifications on the above-mentioned subject, kindly contact Dr. Mina Fe S. Ruz, Dentist III of ESSD-SHS through 228-1667.
6. For wide dissemination and compliance.


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Director IV

Encl: None

Reference: Presidential Proclamation No. 559 dated February 24, 2004

Allotment: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following Subjects:

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