



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

January 23, 2024

REGION MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2024-008

CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH 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 **20th 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, **“Celebrating Decades of Healthy Smiles”**, emphasizing the importance of oral health awareness and education throughout the country.

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 Oral Health Awareness Campaigns:

- a. Initiate a school-wide campaign to raise awareness about oral health
- b. Use bulletin boards, newsletters, and social media platforms to share oral health tips, facts, and resources.
- c. Attend National Toothbrushing Day **“Sang Milyong Sipilyo, Sabayang Pagsisipilyo”**.

Second Week Oral Health Workshops and Seminars:

- a. Classroom activities (Lectures / Oral health education)
- b. Social media campaign
- c. School/community oral health lectures and activities involving parents, teaching and Non-Teaching Staff.

Third Week Delivery of Dental Services:

- a. Collaborate with local dental clinics or practitioners to organize on-site dental check-ups for students
- b. Provide information to parents about the importance of regular dental check-ups.

Fourth Week Interactive Workshops:

- a. Set-up interactive workshops that include hands-on activities
- b. Have demonstrations on proper brushing techniques and provide students with toothbrushes and dental floss to practice.



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4. Furthermore, SDOs are requested to submit Narrative and Photo documentation Reports on the activities done on or before March 8, 2024 and email to minafe.ruz@deped.gov.ph.
5. For more information and clarifications on the above-mentioned subject, contact Dr. Mina Fe S. Ruz, Dentist III of ESSD-SHS through (083) 228-1667.
6. For wide dissemination and compliance.


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Director IV

Encl.: None

Reference: Presidential Proclamation No. 559, s. 2004

Allotment: None

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

HEALTH

Celebration

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