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Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief of the Schools Governance and Operations Division
Chief of the Curriculum Implementation Division
Education Program Supervisor
Public School District Supervisor
All Elementary and Secondary School Head/Principal
All School WINS Coordinator
School Health and Nutrition Section
All Others Concerned

Subject: **2025 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION**

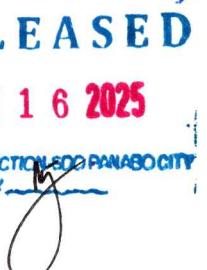
Date: October 15, 2025

1. Attached is a memorandum, regarding this year's celebration of Global Handwashing Day with the theme of "Be a Handwashing Hero!".
2. In line with this celebration, a virtual program will be broadcasted via the DepEd Philippines Facebook Page on October 15, 2025.
3. All School WinS Coordinators are requested to follow the DepEd Philippines Facebook page.
4. For your information and guidance.


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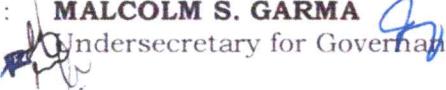


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MEMORANDUM

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FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND BARMM EDUCATION
MINISTER
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
SCHOOL HEADS AND PRINCIPALS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA** 
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : **2025 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION**

DATE : October 6, 2025

The Governance and Operations Strand, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), in collaboration with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), shall organize this year's celebration of the Global Handwashing Day with the theme, **"Be a Handwashing Hero!"**. This global advocacy is celebrated every 15th day of October and is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding on the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

In line with this celebration, a virtual program will be **broadcasted via the DepEd Philippines Facebook Page on October 15, 2025 (Wednesday), 10:00 am - 11:00 am.**

This activity aims to showcase the best practices of DepEd regions visited during the series of validation activities for the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in Schools (WinS) Program and in promoting a hand hygiene culture among the learners that emphasizes handwashing as a critical public health measure to safe school communities. Also, the said virtual program will highlight selected school jingles from the aforementioned DepEd regions designed for both elementary and secondary learners that demonstrate the importance of clean surroundings and hygienic practices such as, but not limited to, proper handwashing. Further, the importance of using nudges in reinforcing handwashing habits among learners as an important public health strategy shall be emphasized.



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In this regard, all DepEd offices and schools are enjoined to participate online in the said activity.

All Regional, Division, and School WinS Coordinators are requested to participate by tuning in at the broadcast of the event via the official **Facebook Page of DepEd Philippines**.

The Regional Offices (ROs) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are enjoined to ensure and monitor the participation of personnel and learners to the said virtual program. For details see annex A.

While the 15th day of October every year is designated as the Global Handwashing Day, the public is encouraged to sustain the initiatives to achieve the objectives of the celebration throughout the year.

Regional Office employees and officials are encouraged to create a short commitment video to show support to this year's global theme (please see annex B for details) to be submitted to wins@deped.gov.ph on or before October 10, 2025.

For further details, **Ms. Magdalene Portia T. Cariaga**, Senior Education Program Specialist, **Mr. Vonerich B. Berba**, Education Program Specialist II, or **Mr. Dranoel Cyrus C. Baguio**, Technical Assistant II of BLSS-SHD, may be contacted at 8632-9935 or email at wins@deped.gov.ph or blss.shd@deped.gov.ph. Attached is the Concept Note for ready reference.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.