

Republic of the Philippines Department of Education REGION VI - WESTERN VISAYAS SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SILAY CITY

May 11, 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM No. ________, s. 2023

INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL 2023

- TO: OIC Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Chief Education Supervisors Education Program Supervisors Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads School Health Section
 - 1. Attached is the copy of the OUOPS No. 2023-03-4681 Memorandum from Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecratary for Operations (OUOPS) dated May 02, 2023, regarding the *International AIDS Candlelight Memorial* 2023.
 - 2. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.

SALVADOR O. OCHAVO JR. EdD, CESO V Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: As stated
Reference: OUOPS No. 2023-03-4681 Memorandum
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OUOPS No. 2023-03-42

TO

REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND BARMM

Schools Division Superintendent

Division Chiefs

Health and Nutrition Personnel

School Heads Others Concerned

FROM

ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO #

Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT

INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL

2023

DATE:

02 May 2023

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial (IACM) is an annual commemoration to remember those people who have died of AIDS and to honor the people who have dedicated their lives in helping those living with and affected by HIV positive individuals. This is also the time to raise social consciousness about HIV/AIDS to address the stigma and discrimination.

This year, the 2023 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial will be celebrated on May 22, 2023 highlighting the stigma and self-stigma experienced by people living with HIV with the theme: "Spread Love and Solidarity to Build Stronger Communities".

In line with this, the Office of Undersecretary for Operations, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), encourages all DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel, student leaders and adolescent learners field offices to participate for the following:

 posting of event banner and red ribbons, which is a symbol of AIDS awareness, in DepEd Offices and schools;

 sharing of social media content regarding HIV/AIDS from the Official OK sa DepEd Facebook Page and DepEd Philippines Facebook Page; distribution of educational materials;

 posting messages of support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in social media;

5. conducting of HIV/AIDS awareness seminars/symposiums; and

6. a candlelight memorial activity.

It is requested to use #IACM2023, #AIDScandlelightmemorial2023, and #OKsaDepEd, #MATATAG #BansangMakabata #BatangMakabansa #DepEdPhilippines when posting pictures and sharing content in an online platform. Information materials can be accessed through: https://bit.ly/IACM-2023.

Adolescent Reproductive Health Focal Persons, Information Officers, and Youth Formation Officers are requested to disseminate the information and join in the activities.

For more information and concerns, please contact Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao, Chief Health Program Officer, or Phanny S. Ramos, Health Education and Promotion Officer III, BLSS-SHD through (02) 8-632-9935 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph / arh@deped.gov.ph .

For immediate and appropriate action.