



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION IV-A CALABARZON
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF IMUS CITY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 86, s. 2026

**OBSERVANCE OF THE 2026 NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK AND NATIONAL DOWN
SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
OIC-CID Chief Education Supervisor
OIC-SGOD Chief Education Supervisor
School Heads/OICs (Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools)
All Others Concerned

1. In line with Presidential Proclamation No. 1385 and Presidential Proclamation No. 157, the Curriculum Implementation Division hereby encourages both public and private schools, especially those offering Special Needs Education program to conduct school-based activities regarding the National Intellectual Disability Awareness Week and National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

2. Schools are encouraged to conduct simple, meaningful school-based activities in observance of the said occasions, subject to the following conditions:

- Activities must be coordinated with the Division Education Program Supervisor for Special Needs Education.
- Activities should not interfere with the regular school schedule and must strictly adhere to the “Time-on-Task” policy.
- Participation in activities shall be on voluntary basis.
- No fees or contributions shall be solicited from learners, parents and/or staff.
- A signed parental permit/consent must be secured for learners who will join the activities.
- All activities must strictly observe the provisions of the Data Privacy Act of 2012, ensuring the protection of learners’ personal information and safeguarding their rights to privacy.
- Strict compliance with existing health and safety protocols must be observed at all times.

3. Schools may implement the activity and submit accomplishment reports to the CID-SNED focal person within 20 days of completion.






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4. For inquiries, please contact Ms. Riza C. Garcia, Education Program Supervisor, at 419-8450 local 221.

5. For immediate and wide dissemination.


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Encl.: As stated

References: Presidential Proclamation Nos. 1385 & 157
DepEd Memorandum No. 022, s. 2021

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**OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS ON ADVOCACY PROGRAMS
IN SUPPORT TO INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) announces the **Observance of National Celebrations on Advocacy Programs in Support to Inclusive Education**. This is pursuant to Republic Act No. 9155 otherwise known as *Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001* and in consonance with governing laws and issuances relative to year-round commemoration of events relative to advocacy programs in support to the implementation of Inclusive Education. The Department is committed to ensure observance of various events and activities listed below in accordance with the stated proclamations and/or legal bases.

| Advocacy Celebrations and Legal Basis | Celebration | Date |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| Presidential Proclamation No. 711 <i>Declaring the Third Week of January as Autism Consciousness Week</i> | National Autism Consciousness Week | 3rd week of January |
| Presidential Proclamation No. 1385 <i>Designating the Period from February 14 to 20, 1975 and Even/Year Thereafter, as Retarded Children's Week</i> | Intellectual Disability Awareness Week | 2nd week of February |
| Presidential Proclamation No. 157 <i>Declaring the Month of February as National Down Syndrome Consciousness Month</i> | National Down Syndrome Awareness Month | February |
| Presidential Proclamation No. 187 <i>Declaring the Third Week of July Every Year as the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation</i> | National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week | 3rd week of July |
| Republic Act No. 6759 <i>An Act Declaring August One of Each Year as White Cane Safety Day in the Philippines and for Other Purposes</i> | White Cane Safety Day | August 1 |
| Presidential Proclamation No. 472 <i>Declaring the Third Week of October of Every Year as the National Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder AD/HD Awareness</i> | ADHD Awareness Week | 3rd week of October |

| Advocacy Celebrations and Legal Basis | Celebration | Date |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Presidential Proclamation No. 829 <i>Declaring the Period from November 10 to 16 of Every Year as Deaf Awareness Week</i> | Deaf Awareness Week | November 10-16 |
| Presidential Proclamation No. 199 <i>Declaring the Fourth Week of November 1999 and Every Year Thereafter as National Week for the Gifted and Talented</i> | Gifted and Talented Week | Fourth Week of November |
| Presidential Proclamation No. 1157 <i>Declaring December 3, 2006 and Every Year Thereafter as International/Day of Persons with Disabilities in the Philippines</i> | International Day on Disability | December 3 |

2. This Memorandum serves as a guide to all public and private schools nationwide in order to carry out and/or implement meaningful and related advocacy projects and activities, which shall be integrated in the school programs and events.

3. The regional, schools division, and district offices, as well as public and private schools are enjoined to actively participate in the observance of celebrations stipulated in this Memorandum. A separate Advisory on the themes and proposed activities shall be issued by DepEd through the Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division.

4. For more information, please contact the **Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division**, 4th Floor, Bonifacio Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at bld.od@deped.gov.ph or at telephone number (02) 8637-4347.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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 Secretary

Reference:
None

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