



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
Schools Division of Bohol

**Office of the Schools
Division Superintendent**

February 2, 2024

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 046, s. 2024

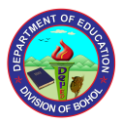
**DISSEMINATION OF RM NO. 095, s. 2024 CELEBRATION OF THE
20TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
All Teaching and Non-teaching Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. This office disseminates Regional Memorandum No. 095, s. 2024 entitled Celebration of the 20th National Dental Health Month which is self-explanatory.
2. For dissemination and compliance.

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31 JAN 2024

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 095 s. 2024

CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

To: Schools Division/City Superintendents
Officers-in-Charge of Regular/Interim Divisions
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum OUOPS No. 2024-09-00586 which announces the conduct of activities related to the 20th National Dental Health Month Celebration for the month of February with the theme "Celebrating Decades of Healthy Smiles"
2. DepEd school dentists are advised to coordinate with the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) local chapters and other stakeholders on the activities scheduled during the month-long celebration. Dentists and other school health personnel in the regions and school's divisions shall take the lead in the celebration.
3. Dentists-In-Charge are requested to submit narrative report with MOVs through email melissa.paradela@deped.gov.ph
4. For more information, all concerned may contact the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), 3rd floor, Mabini Building, Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at Landline (02) 8632-9935 or through email blss.shd@deped.gov.ph and the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) at telephone nos.(02)890-4609 and (02)897-8091.
5. For immediate dissemination.

SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO V
Director IV
Regional Director

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Republic of the Philippines
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OPERATIONS

OUOPS No. 2024-09-00586

MEMORANDUM

TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

FROM : **ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO** *[Signature]*
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **CELEBRATION OF 20TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

DATE : **January 11, 2024**

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), will celebrate the 20th National Dental Health Month in February 2024 with the theme "Celebrating Decades of Healthy Smiles". This is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 559 dated February 24, 2004.

The celebration aims to:

- a) To promote oral health awareness and education nationwide and
- b) Promote good oral hygiene habits.

The month-long celebration should launch fun-filled activities that will increase oral health awareness among the learners and the school populace as well. The following are the suggested activities:

First Week	Oral Health Awareness Campaigns: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiate school-wide campaign to raise awareness about oral health• Use bulletin boards, newsletters, and social media platforms to share oral health tips, facts, and resources.• Attend National toothbrushing day "Sang Milyong Sipilyo Sabayang Pagsisipilyo."
Second Week	Oral Health Workshops and Seminars: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classroom activities (lectures/Oral health education)• Social media campaign

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School community oral health awareness through orientation, lectures and activities involving parents, teaching and non-teaching staff
Third Week	<p>Delivery of Dental services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with local dental clinics or practitioners to organize on-site dental check-ups for students. • Provide information to parents about the importance of regular dental check-ups.
Fourth Week	<p>Interactive Workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up interactive workshops that include hands-on activities. • Have demonstrations on proper brushing techniques and provide students with toothbrushes and dental floss to practice.

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For dissemination to all concerned.



10 January 2024

HON. SARA DUTERTE-CARPIO
Vice President, Republic of the Philippines
Secretary, Department of Education

Thru : **DR. CYNTHIA D. CORONADO**
Dentist III
Bureau of Learner Support Services School Health Division

Subject: **Invitation to participate in the Philippine Dental Association 20th National Dental Health Month Celebration in accordance with Presidential Proclamation 559.**

Dear Vice President Sara,

Greetings, Happy New Year!

It is with immense pleasure and honor I extend a formal invitation to the **Department of Education (DepEd)** to actively participate in the upcoming **Philippine Dental Association's (PDA) 20th National Dental Health Month (NDHM) Celebration**, with a theme **"Celebrating Decades of Healthy Smiles"**. This event is mandated by Presidential Proclamation 559, emphasizing the importance of oral health awareness and education throughout the country.

As we commemorate the two-decade milestones of NDHM, it is worth acknowledging the remarkable journey this celebration has undertaken. Over the past 20 years, it has not only stood the test of time but has played a significant role in contributing to the reduction of dental caries prevalence among school children from 98% to 73% as reported by the Department of Health. The legacy of two decades speaks about the sustained efforts and dedication of PDA and DepEd that have transformed NDHM into a cornerstone for promoting oral well-being among children.

The NDHM Celebration serves as a platform for professionals, educators, and government agencies to collaborate in promoting oral health awareness, and as the Department of Education plays a crucial role in shaping the minds and habits of our nation's youth, your support and participation will contribute significantly to the success of our collective efforts.

In this regard, we would like to invite your DepEd Dentists to actively support and participate in the 20th NDHM Celebration in these following activities:

Activity	Date	Time	Venue
PDA 20 th NDHM National Celebration Opening Ceremonies	January 28, 2024	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	SM Mall of Asia, Music Hall, Seaside Blvd, Pasay City
PDA 20 th NDHM Open House	February 1, 2024	8:00 AM to 2:00 PM	PDA Bldg., Ayala Avenue, San Antonio Village, Makati City
PDA 20 th NDHM Celebration Visayas Kick-Off Opening Ceremonies	February 4, 2024	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Island City Mall, Rajah Sikatuna Avenue, Tagbilaran City Bohol

Activity	Date	Time	Venue
National Toothbrushing Day Sang Milyong Sipilyo Sabayang Pagsisipilyo	February 5, 2024	12:00 NN to 1:00 PM	Timoteo Paez Elementary School, Apelo Cruz, Malibay, Pasay City
PDA 20 th NDHM Celebration Mindanao Kick-Off Opening Ceremonies	February 7, 2024	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	DMLCC, PGAS Government Center, Patin-ay, Prosperidad, Agusan Del Sur

We look forward to working together to make this event a resounding success, and we are more than happy to provide any additional information or assistance you may need. You may contact us at +639285051180 or you can email us at pdandhmbente@gmail.com.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we anticipate a positive response from the Department of Education as we go above and beyond oral health.

Sincerely,



DR. ALVIN M. LAXAMANA
Chairman
20th National Dental Health Month
Past PDA President 2020-2021

Noted by:



DR. EMMANUEL T. CENTENO
President
Philippine Dental Association

- Winning Poster for 20th National Dental Health Month

