MEMORANDUM No. 008 s, 2016

TO: Public Schools District Supervisors
    Elementary School Heads and Secondary School Heads

FROM: WINNIE E. SATOON, Ed.D
      Officer-In-Charge
      Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

DATE: September 20, 2017

1. Attached herewith is the unnumbered memorandum dated September 18, 2017, from Atty. Alberto T. Escobarte, CESO III, Regional Director re: School-Health Programs to be implemented for School Year 2017-2018.

2. The following school-based health programs in partnership with the Department of Health shall continuously be implemented until terminated:

   1. School-based Immunization of Measles-Rubella (MR) and Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) for Grade 1 and Grade 7 (DM No. 82, s. 2015 and DM 128, s. 2016);

   2. School-based Deworming Program of Kinder to Grade 12 Learners (DM No. 80, s. 2015 and DM No. 156, s. 2015)

Programs with pending MOA, Memoranda and guidelines:

1. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination for female Grade 4 (9-13 years old);
2. Weekly Iron Folic Acid (WIFA) for Adolescent female.

3. In line with this, please be advised that a new schedule will be posted anytime in the month of October. Please be ready with your Master list and parents’ consent for easy facilitation of the immunization activity.

4. For information, guidance and compliance.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Schools Division Superintendents
    OIC - Schools Division Superintendents

Attention: Division Coordinator on Health Programs

SUBJECT: SCHOOL-HEALTH PROGRAMS TO BE IMPLEMENTED FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018

DATE: September 18, 2017

Herewith is a Memorandum from ALAIN DEL B. PASCUA, Undersecretary for Administration, informing us on the School-based Health Programs to be implemented for School Year 2017-2018.

Attached to this the following School-Based Health Programs in partnership with the Department of Health shall continuously be implemented until terminated:

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Please be guided accordingly.

ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO III
Regional Director

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TERESITA G. TAMBAJAN
OIC-ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM

TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS
   (Regions I to XII, Caraga, CAR, NNR and NCR)

FROM: ALAIN DEL CARDOZ, Undersecretary for Administration

SUBJECT: SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH PROGRAMS TO BE IMPLEMENTED FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018 ONWARDS

DATE: 22 August 2017

In reference to the school-based health programs to be implemented for School Year 2017-2018 onwards, please be informed of the following:

1. Immunization with signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and DepED Memoranda

   A. School-based immunization of Measles-Rubella (MR) and Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) for Grade 1 and Grade 7 are recommended to be continued until the Program is terminated.
      - The MR and Td vaccines are given to Grade 1 and Grade 7 as booster doses to ensure the protection of children from serious vaccine preventable diseases by building up their immune system.
      - The MR and Td are part of the School-Based Immunization Program of Department of Education. The vaccines are provided for free and the vaccination is conducted every August as a routine activity of the Program.
      - DepED Issuances concerning the aforementioned immunization are the following:
        - DM No. 82, s.2015: Guidelines on the Implementation of School-Based Immunization Program

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(Administrative Services, Information and Communications Technology, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Schools)
B. Deworming Program is likewise recommended as a prophylactic measure to prevent children from worm infestation.

- **Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis (STH) or intestinal worms** can cause poor physical growth, poor intellectual development, and impaired cognitive functions in children.
- Worms infect more than one-third of the world's population, with the most intense infections in children and the poor. School-age children have typically the highest intensity of any age group.
- Department of Health in collaboration with DepEd conducts regular Deworming every January and July to reduce the burden of STH infections with a positive impact on children's education and health.
- DepEd issues guidelines concerning the administration of the worming drugs as follows:
  - DM No. 86, s. 2015—Guidelines on the Implementation of the National School Deworming Day

C. For National Capital Region, Region II and Region VI, the third round of dengue vaccination for children who already received the 1st and 2nd doses is recommended to ensure the full efficacy of the vaccine.

- Dengue virus is one of the leading causes of illness in the Philippines. Dengue vaccine is used to help prevent the child against dengue caused by dengue virus. The School-Based Dengue Vaccination Program is more effective, sustainable, and cost-effective strategy to reduce the increasing number of cases of dengue among the school-age population in the country.
- DepEd Memorandum No. 50-s. 2016 was issued to this concern.

II. Programs with pending MDA and Memorandum but the preparatory activities such as advocacy and other social preparations can be done at the regional and division levels.

D. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination for female Grade 6 (9-13 years old)

- Cervical cancer and other HPV-related diseases can be prevented through vaccination at a young age and regular screening later in life.
- The DOH has introduced Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination in 2015 for girls ages 9-10 years old in health
facilities of priority provinces and cities. This 2017, the DOH in collaboration with Deped shall include HPV vaccination for all female Grade 4 students ages 9-13 years old in all public schools as part of the School-Based Immunization Program.

- MOA is in the process but it is heartening to mention that Secretary Briones has already signed it.

E. Weekly Iron Folic Acid (WIFA) for Adolescent female

- Iron Deficiency Anemia (IDA) is a major public health problem. Adolescent girls are particularly prone to Iron Deficiency Anemia because of the increased demands of the body. Iron and Folic Acid supplementation俊moned reproductive age; including adolescents, is one of the interventions to address IDA and folate deficiency among women.

- The Department of Health (DOH) partnered with Deped to implement a school-based Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation program for Grades 7-10 female adolescents.

- The MOA was already signed by DOH Secretary Mar and a Deped Secretary Briones.

- The DOH Guideline on the said program was already signed and the DepEd Guideline which is based on the DOH guideline is in the process of review at the Executive Level.