



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VII  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CEBU PROVINCE**

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Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

May 15, 2023

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM:**

NO. 160s. 2023

**"INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL"**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Principals/Teacher In-Charge  
School Health and Nutrition Personnel  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to OUOPS No. 2023-03-4281 dated May02, 2023 entitled INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL, the field is hereby informed of the conduct of this annual commemoration, in honor of those people who have succumbed of AIDS. This activity also aims to uphold social awareness, eliminate stigma and discrimination among our brothers and sisters who are currently battling the disease.
2. This year's theme is "SPREAD LOVE AND SOLIDARITY TO BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES" the celebration will be on May 21, 2023; since this is Sunday thus, we are encouraging everyone to do this on May 22, 2023, which is a Monday.
3. These are the listed activities which can be done:
  - a. posting of event banner and red ribbons, which is a symbol of AIDS awareness, in DepEd offices and schools
  - b. sharing of social media content regarding HIV/AIDS from the Official OK sa Deped Facebook Page and Deped Philippines Facebook page
  - c. distribution of educational materials
  - d. posting messages of support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in social media
  - e. conducting of HIV/AIDS awareness seminars/symposiums; and
  - d. a candlelight memorial activity that can be done right after the flag raising ceremony

It is required to use #IAMCM2023, #AIDScandlelightmemorial2023, and #OKsaDepEd, #MATATAG #BansangMakabata #BatangMakabansa #DepedPhilippines




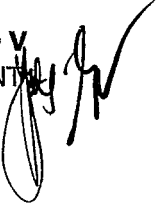
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when posting pictures and sharing content in an online platform. Information materials can be accessed through: <https://bit.ly/IACM-2023>.

Documentation and narrative report of the said activity will be submitted to the district office and shall be collected by the school health and nutrition personnel, respectively.

For more information and concerns, you may contact the health and nutrition office at 424-9000 local 110 or you may email the Adolescent Reproductive Health Focal @flomaeljane.pesiao@deped.gov.ph

1. Immediate dissemination and support of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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OUOPS No. 2023-03-428

**MEMORANDUM**

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

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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 21, 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:

1. posting of event banner and red ribbons, which is a symbol of AIDS awareness, in DepEd Offices and schools;
2. sharing of social media content regarding HIV/AIDS from the Official *OK sa DepEd* Facebook Page and DepEd Philippines Facebook Page;

3. distribution of educational materials;
4. 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.

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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](mailto:blss.shd@deped.gov.ph) / [arh@deped.gov.ph](mailto:arh@deped.gov.ph).

For immediate and appropriate action.