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*To: SDSs
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Dear Dr. San Antonio:

The Department of Health (DOH) will be expanding the School-Based Immunization Program by conducting a dengue vaccination program for all Grade 4 students, 9 years old and above in all public elementary schools in **NCR, Region III and Region IV-A.**

The first dengue vaccine called **Dengvaxia** was already tested here in the Philippines and was approved by the Philippine Food and Drug Authority. The vaccine will give long-term protection against four dengue serotypes and will be added to the list of free vaccines for public school children under the National Immunization Program (NIP).

The vaccination will be conducted simultaneously in **March 2016.**

As per invitation of Dr. Janette Garin, Secretary of Health to this Department, there will be consultative conference/ orientation/training in the concerned regions on the following dates:

Region	Date	Venue
NCR	February 2-3, 2016	Bayview Park Hotel, Manila
IV-A	February 4-5, 2016	Bayview Park Hotel, Manila
III	February 9-10, 2016	Park Inn by Radison, Clark Pampanga

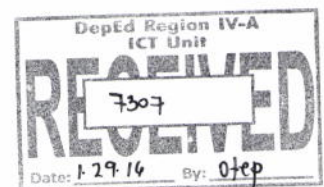
Participants of the said training will be the Regional Coordinators and Division Superintendents, and or their official alternates. Meals and accommodation will be shouldered by DOH while traveling expenses shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing policies, rules and regulations.

Attached is the letter of Secretary Garin for your reference.

Thank you very much for your continuous support and may this invitation merit your favorable response.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 21, 2016

Br. ARMIN S. LUISTRO, FSC
Secretary
Department of Education
Pasig City

Dear **Sec. Luistro**:

Greetings!

As part of the current actions in strengthening the Dengue Prevention and Control Program through school-based initiatives, the Department of Health (DOH) with support from the Office of the President has now embarked to a more effective, sustainable and cost effective strategy in reducing the increasing number of dengue cases in the country.

The first dengue vaccine called **Dengvaxia**, tested here in the Philippines and recently been approved by the Philippine Food and Drug Authority (FDA), gives a promising benefit to a long term immunity against four dengue serotypes. This vaccine will be added to the list of free vaccines for public school children under the National Immunization Program (NIP).

In this regard, we are honored to inform you of the launching of the first dengue vaccine through a School-Based Immunization Program (SBIP) to be given to **nine years old children** in all public elementary schools in **NCR, Region III, and Region IVA**. This strategy is currently being organized by the Department of Health in collaboration with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), to be held simultaneously in **March 2016**.

Likewise, may we request your favorable support to this strategy by allowing the participation of **DepEd Regional Health Coordinators and Division Superintendents** from NCR, Region III, and Region IVA to attend the vaccine orientation/ training on the following **schedules**:

Region	Date	Venue
Region NCR	February 2-3, 2016	Bayview Park Hotel, Manila
Region IV-A	February 4-5, 2016	Bayview Park Hotel, Manila
Region III	February 9-10, 2016	Park Inn by Radison, Clark Pampanga

The success of this dengue vaccination program will mark a history and will change the paradigm of Dengue Prevention and Control strategies globally.

Thank you for being one with us on this endeavor.

Very truly yours,


JANETTE P. LORETO-GARIN, MD, MBA-H
Secretary of Health

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