

### Republic of the Philippines

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REGION IV-A CALABARZON





#### **REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. 205 s, 2016

TO

ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

**FROM** 

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Director IV

**SUBJECT** 

Training on Food Safety on School-Based Feeding Program, Orientation on

**Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit and Review of Canteen Management** 

Guidelines

DATE

22 June 2016

As per Department Order 33 s. 2015 "Implementation of School Based Feeding Program for School Year 2015-2016" the Department of Education is committed not only to deliver basic quality education but also to ensure the safety and security of the Filipino learners. Hence, this Region through the School Health and Nutrition Unit-Education Support Services Division is implementing the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) to address under nutrition and short-term hunger among public school children. Targeted are 532,752 severely wasted and 627,403 wasted from kindergarten to grade 6 for School Year 2015-2016.

To ensure the successful implementation of SBFP, and that food safety is practiced in all food outlets/canteens within the school premises, a Training on Food Safety on School-Based Feeding Program, Orientation on Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit and Review of Canteen Management Guidelines will be conducted on July 20-22, 2016 in NEAP CALABARZON, Malvar, Batangas. Invited participants are the Division Medical Officer/Officer in Charge of SHNU (1) Division Coordinator for SBFP/Canteen Monitor (1). Topics on canteen management, epidemiologic and surveillance response protocol to ensure food safety measures are practiced by all food handlers in all food outlets/canteens within the school premises are included to address cases of food poisoning. These topics will simultaneously be held together in this 3-day activity to ensure the connectivity of all programs.

#### This training seminar aims to:

- a. Orient the participants on the value and application of Food Safety on the School-Based Feeding Program and in other food outlets within the school premises.
- b. Identify needs/gaps of the Divisions' school canteens in reaching food safety standards
- c. Orient the participants on the protocol of surveillance in case of food poisoning and organizing the Division and School Epidemiology and Surveillance Response Unit



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d. Assess the participants' post learning on Food Safety through a closed book multiple choice examination with practical food safety inspection test.

Check-in and registration will be on July 20, 2016 with morning snacks. Program starts at 8 AM. Last meal would be packed afternoon snacks on July 22, 2016. Please note that we will practice paperless training. Kindly bring a laptop for your division's use. Electronic copies of the presentations will be provided. Competency certification on food safety will be issued by FoodSHAP to those who will pass the written and practical examination.

Food and accommodation and other related expenses related to this training shall be charged to SARO SHNC 4A-15-0606 "Financial Assistance for the Orientation and other related operational expenses on the implementation of School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) for SY 2015-2016" and Regional Funds, while per diems and travel expenses of the participants shall be charged to local funds subject to the usual accounting rules and regulations.

Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.



