Regional Memorandum

17th NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH CELEBRATION

To: All Schools Division Superintendents

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 559 issued on February 4, 2004, declaring the month of February of every year as National Dental Health Month, the 17TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH will be conducted with the theme, PAIGTINGIN: ORAL HEALTH FOR JUAN AT JUANA SA GITNA NG PANDEMYA for this year 2021. The celebration will also carry the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) tag line "BRUSH AT FLOSS KONTRA TOOTHLOSS".

2. This year’s theme aims to strengthen public awareness and reiterate the importance of good oral hygiene habit amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

3. DepEd school dentists are advised to coordinate with the PDA local chapters and other stakeholders on the activities scheduled during the month-long celebration. Since face-to-face classes are still suspended, DepEd offices may also conceptualize creative activities for learners and their families promoting oral health education utilizing online platforms.

4. Dentists and other school health personnel in the region and schools division offices shall take the lead in the celebration.

5. A brief narrative and documentation report on the observance of the National Dental Health month shall be submitted by the Schools Division Offices through email at essd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph on or before March 10, 2021.

6. For further information and inquiries, please contact Dr. Annaliza T. Araojo at 09165417823.

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7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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