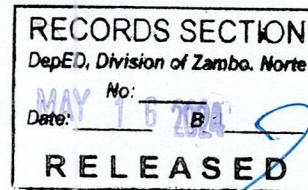




Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

REGION IX  
 SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE



Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

May 16, 2024

**Division Memorandum**  
 No. 270, s. 2024

**INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL 2024**

To: PSDSs and PICDs  
 School Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools  
 District and School Health Personnel  
 All others concerned

1. In reference to Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2024-09-03679 titled *International AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2024*, the Schools Division of Zamboanga del Norte joins its commemoration on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of May to remember those who have succumbed to AIDS, and honor the memories of those who have lost their lives to HIV and AIDS, and support those who are living with the virus.

2. To support the activity, this office enjoins all teaching and non-teaching personnel, student leaders and field offices to honor the IACM on **May 20- 25, 2024** with the theme: **“PUT TOGETHER FIRST: Kandila ng Pagkalinga, Liwanag ng Pag-asa”**. Attention is invited to par. 3 of the issuance for the suggested undertakings.

3. Moreover, participants are requested to use the hashtags **#AIDScandlelightmemorial2024**, **#IACM2024**, **#OKsaDepEd**, **#MATATAG**, **#BatangMakabata** **#BatangMakabansa**, and **#DepEdPhilippines** when posting and sharing content in an online platform. Materials can be accessed through <https://rb.gy/ugog1q>.

4. For queries, please contact any school health personnel in the school and district for guidance.

5. Widest dissemination and compliance with this memorandum are desired.

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 Schools Division Superintendent

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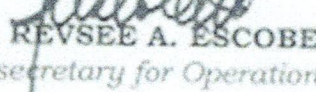
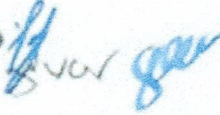
## Department of Education

OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

### MEMORANDUM

DM-OUOPS-2024-09-03679

TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND BARMM EDUCATION MINISTER  
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ESSD and SGOD CHIEFS  
HEALTH AND NUTRITION PERSONNEL  
SCHOOL HEADS  
OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM :  ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO  
*Undersecretary for Operations* 

SUBJECT : INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL 2024

DATE : May 3, 2024

The **International AIDS Candlelight Memorial (IACM)** is an annual commemoration on the third Sunday of May to remember those people who have died of AIDS and, honor the memories of those who have lost their lives to HIV and AIDS, and support those who are living with the virus.

This year, the 2024 IACM will be emphasizing the importance of prioritizing the needs and rights of people living with and affected by HIV with the theme: **"PUT TOGETHER FIRST: *Kandila ng Pagkalinga, Liwanag ng Pag-asa.*"** It also calls for collective action to empower individuals and communities to fight against stigma and discrimination and to advocate for equitable access to services - HIV prevention, referral, treatment, care, and support services.

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 field offices to commemorate the IACM on **May 20-25, 2024** through the following:

1. posting of the event banner;
2. sharing of social media content regarding HIV/AIDS from the DepEd Tayo and DepEd Philippines Facebook Page;
3. distribution of educational materials;
4. creating informational posters to display around the school;
5. writing letters and or posting messages of support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) on social media;
6. conducting of HIV/AIDS awareness seminars/symposiums;
7. red ribbon campaign: distribution of red ribbons, the universal symbol of HIV/AIDS awareness; and



8. other related candlelight memorial activity.

All participants are requested to use the following hashtags when posting pictures and sharing content in an online platform: **#AIDScandlelightmemorial2024**, **#IACM2024**, **#OKsaDepEd**, **#MATATAG**, **#BansangMakabata** **#BatangMakabansa**, and **#DepEdPhilippines**. Information and other materials can be accessed through <https://rb.gy/ugoqlq>.

Further, Adolescent Reproductive Health Focal Persons, Information Officers, and Youth Formation Officers are requested to disseminate the information and join the activities.

For more information and concerns, please contact **Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao**, Chief Health Program Officer, or **Ms. 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).

For immediate and appropriate action.

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