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MEMORANDUM

27 January 2022

For: **Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones**
Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister
Schools Division Superintendents
Child Protection Units
Designated Tobacco Control Coordinators
Designated Brief Tobacco Intervention Providers
Designated NDEP/BKD Coordinators
School Heads
Child Protection Committees
Managers of Offices' and Schools' Social Media Pages

Subject: **TOBACCO GRAPHIC HEALTH WARNING ASSESSMENT**

Republic Act No. 10643 or the Graphic Health Warnings (GHW) Law specifically mandates the Department of Education (DepEd) to “use [the GHW] templates to educate children on the ill-effects of tobacco and ensure that these are included in relevant subjects under the K-12 curriculum.” This has been reiterated in DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2016 titled the *Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control*. GHWs refer to the “photographic image printed on the tobacco product package which accurately depicts the hazards of tobacco use and is accompanied by textual warning related to the picture” (RA 10643).

The Department of Health (DOH), the agency mandated by the law to issue the required GHW templates, is currently conducting the **Tobacco Graphic Warning Assessment**, a national survey for **Filipinos who are 15 to 65 years old**, whether smokers or non-smokers, to gather their opinions about the GHW templates.

In line with DepEd’s mandate under the law and in support of DO 48, s. 2016, the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) **enjoins all DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel, learners, partners, and other stakeholders** who are 15 to 65 years old to answer the survey of the DOH accessible at <https://bit.ly/dohghwsurvey>.

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Designated tobacco control coordinators (per DepEd Memorandum No. 147, s. 2018) are requested to coordinate with the concerned units and personnel in their respective offices/schools¹ for necessary support in the dissemination of information, including sharing of the poster, about the survey that can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/dohghwsurveyposter> .

For questions and concerns, please contact Mr. Gian Erik M. Adao, Education Program Specialist II of the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), through (02) 8632-9935 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph .

For wide dissemination.



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