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DepEd Task Force COVID-19 MEMORANDUM No. 57

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For: Undersecretaries

Assistant Secretaries

Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister

Bureau and Service Directors Schools Division Superintendents

All Others Concerned

Subject: ORIENTATION FOR REGIONAL AND SCHOOLS DIVISION

OFFICES ON MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 FOR

LEARNERS AND DEPED PERSONNEL

The Department of Education (DepEd), through DepEd Order (DO) No. 12, s. 2020 (Adoption of the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan for School Year 2020-2021 in Light of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency), recognizes as a priority the promotion and protection of the mental health and general welfare of learners and personnel in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, DepEd Order No. 14, s. 2020 (Guidelines on the Required Health Standards in Basic Education Offices and Schools) details the provision of mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS) to increase the mental resilience of learners and DepEd personnel.

In accordance with the above, the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), under the leadership of the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) and in coordination with various DepEd Central office units, is conducting Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS) for teaching and non-teaching personnel and learners from July to August, in preparation for the opening of classes, as part of the Brigada Eskwela activities.

The MHPSS activities are co-organized with the following DepEd Central Office Units, together with Unilab Foundation Inc. (UFI), Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association (PGCA) Inc., and the Psychological Association Philippines (PAP):





Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA)

[Administrative Service (AS), Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS), Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), Bureau of Learner Support Services (BLSS), Baguio Teachers' Camp (BTC), Central Security & Safety Office (CSSO)]

- a. Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations;
- b. Office of the Undersecretary for Legislative Affairs, External Partnerships and Project Management;
- c. Bureau of Human Resources and Organizational Development (BHROD);
- d. External Partnership Service (EPS);
- e. Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD);
- f. Bureau of Learning Development (BLD);
- g. Bureau of Learning Resources (BLR)
- h. National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP);
- i. Bureau of Learners Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD); and
- j. Bureau of Learners Support Services-Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD).

In line with this, an Orientation for Regional and Schools Division Offices on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services in the Time of COVID-19 for Learners and DepEd Personnel will be conducted 02 July 2020. The online orientation aims to:

- a. Establish the importance of MHPSS interventions;
- b. Identify MHPSS activities of DepEd; and
- c. Provide guidance to ROs and SDOs in the implementation of MHPSS activities.

The following are instructed to attend the orientation:

DepEd	Participants	Schedule
Offices		
Regional	Asst. Regional Directors	
Offices	ESSD and CLMD Chiefs	
	Regional Education Program	
	Supervisors (2)	
	Regional DRRM Coordinator	
	Regional Health Personnel	
	Regional Youth Formation	
	Coordinator	
	Regional Guidance Coordinator	
	Regional <i>Brigada Eskwela</i>	
	Coordinators	July 2, 2020
Schools	Schools Division	9:00-10:30 a.m.
Division	Superintendents	
Offices	SGOD and CID Chiefs	
	Division Education Program	
	Supervisors (2)	
	Division Public School District	
	Supervisors (2)	
	Division DRRM Coordinator	
	Division Health Personnel	

Division Guidance	
Coordinators	
Division Youth Formation	
Coordinator	
Division <i>Brigada Eskwela</i>	
Coordinators	

Co-organizers of the Department MHPSS interventions enumerated in paragraph 3(a) to 3(j) are likewise requested to send their representatives to the orientation.

Enclosed is a copy of the program for reference.

All concerned are requested to confirm their attendance and register via http://deped.in/RegMHPSSOrientation by **July 1, 2020**, 5:00 p.m. The orientation will be conducted through a Zoom meeting. The link for the orientation will be emailed upon confirmation of attendance.

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Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



