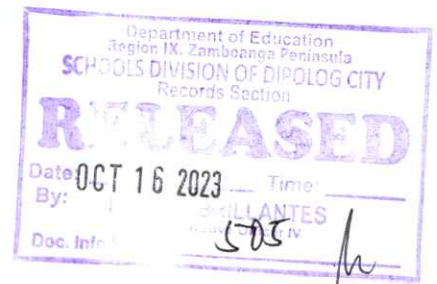




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REGION IX – ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIPOLOG CITY



October 13, 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 505, s. 2023

2023 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

TO : All Public Elementary and Secondary
School Heads All Teaching and Non-
teaching Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. In accordance with DM OUOPS No. 2023-03, entitled “2023 Global Handwashing Day”, the Department of Education, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), shall spearhead this year's celebration of the Global Handwashing Day with the theme **“Clean Hands are Within Reach”**. This global advocacy is celebrated every 15th of October and is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding on the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.
2. In line with the said celebration, a short program titled **Malinis na Kamay tulay sa Malusog at Matatag na Kinabukasan** shall be broadcasted via DepEd Philippines Facebook Page on October 18, 2023 (Wednesday) 1:30 p.m. and all School WinS Coordinators are requested to watch the broadcast of the event. This activity aims to highlight the importance of promoting a culture of hand hygiene and to emphasize hand hygiene as a critical public health measure to ensure safe schools and communities.
3. Thus, this Division will support and participate the Global Handwashing Day on **October 18, 2023**. All public elementary and secondary schools are enjoined to participate in the global handwashing activity through educational and social activities to strengthen awareness and disseminate information on the



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- significance of handwashing with soap and water.
4. Activities are, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Hanging of streamers/tarpaulin/infographics in strategic places within the school premises.
 - b. Simultaneous supervised group handwashing in schools.
 5. Download the official tarpaulin and social media material using this link
bit.ly/GHD_2023 for your perusal.
 6. For more information, kindly contact Chris Rey VIII A. Herrera, Division WinS Coordinator through email at chrisreyviii.herrera@deped.gov.ph or 0917-621-9576.
 7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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