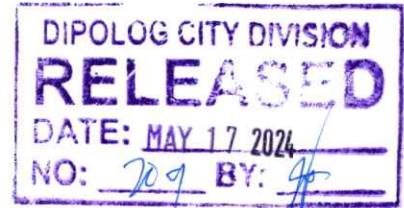




Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION IX, ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIPOLOG CITY**



May 17, 2024

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 209, s, 2024

**International AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2024**

To: **School Heads**  
*All Others Concerned*

1. Pursuant to the Department of Education Memorandum OUOPS No. 2024-09-03679, the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations (OUOPS), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services - School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) encourage the schools to join the celebration of **International AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2024** on May 20-25, 2024.
2. The IACM serves as a moment of remembrance for those who have lost their lives to HIV and AIDS, and support for those who are living with the virus. The 2024 IACM theme is **“Put Together First: Kandila ng Pagkalinga, Liwanag ng Pag-asa.”**
3. The following are suggested activities:
  - Posting of the event banner
  - Sharing of social media content regarding HIV/AIDS from the DepEd Tayo and DepEd Philippines Facebook Page
  - Distribution of Educational Materials
  - Creating informational posters to display around the school
  - Writing letters and or posting messages to support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) on social media
  - Conducting of HIVAIDS awareness symposium
  - Red ribbon campaign, the universal symbol for HIV/AIDS awareness
4. Information and other materials can be accessed through <https://rb.gy/ugoqlq>.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.

  
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**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 :** *[Signature]*  
**ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
*Undersecretary for Operations* *[Signature]*

**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.gv/ugoglg>.

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 [biss.shd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:biss.shd@deped.gov.ph).

For immediate and appropriate action.

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