



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region VII, Central Visayas
Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTH AND NUTRITION CENTER (HNC)-FUNDED
GULAYAN SA PAARALAN PROGRAM (GPP) ASSISTED BY THE DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE-BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY (DA-BPI)**

TO : OIC, Assistant Superintendents
Education Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/OICs
Elementary and Secondary School Heads

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC), shall implement the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP), in partnership with the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant Industry (DA-BPI), to address malnutrition and promote vegetable production and consumption among school children.
2. The Gulayan sa Paaralan shall be implemented primarily in all public elementary and secondary schools nationwide. Prioritization of schools will be based on the presence of at least three of the following considerations:
 - a. high prevalence of malnutrition based on nutritional status and line report of the previous school year;
 - b. high poverty incidence of the area (belongs to fourth, fifth and sixth class municipalities);
 - c. 4Ps beneficiaries;
 - d. low academic performance of school below (75% proficiency levels);
 - e. presence of active stakeholders
3. The school head (SH) is expected to monitor the activities and program implementation. The Division Technical Working Group (TWG) is expected to monitor compliance of the schools to the guidelines, procurement process, release and disbursement of funds and other activities, such as channeling of vegetables for the feeding program, waste segregation and composting.
4. The Regional Technical Working Group (RTG) is expected to monitor the activities of the Division Office (DO) such as the request for funds, submission of required documents from the schools, release of funds to the SHs, proper use/liquidation of funds, conduct trainings in coordination with DA-BPI and progress of its implementation.

5. The schools implementing the GPP are required to submit Quarterly School Garden Report to the DO. The DOs are expected to consolidate the quarterly reports and then submit to the Regional Office (RO) to be followed by the final submission to DepEd Central Office (CO) and to DA-Pagana Field Unit (RFU).
5. All regional directors (RDs), schools division superintendents (SDSs) and SHs are enjoined to extend full administrative support to the management of the program.
6. The Guidelines on the Implementation of the GPP is enclosed for ready reference.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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