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REGION VII, Central Visayas  
**Schools Division of Cebu Province**

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**DEPED'S RESPONSE TO STRENGTHEN PREVENTIVE DRUG EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
SGOD and CID Chiefs  
Education program Supervisors/Division Coordinators  
Public Schools District Supervisors/OICs  
Elementary and Secondary School Heads

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, attached herewith is Regional Memorandum No. 0727, s. 2019, entitled, "DepEd's Response to Strengthen Preventive Drug Education in Schools".
2. This Office through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD) reiterates issued Memoranda/Orders, enumerated as follows, to ensure the effective implementation of the National Drug Education Program (NDEP) which aims to develop well-rounded learners equipped with resistance skills risky behaviors that could lead to substance use and abuse:
  - a. DepEd Memorandum No. 200, s. 2016-Strengthening the National Education Program in Schools.
  - b. DepEd Order No. 30, s. 2018- Preventive Drug Education Program and Policy on Curriculum and Instruction.
  - c. DepEd Memorandum No. 120, s. 2018-Implementation of Detailed Lesson Plan on Preventive Drug Education.
3. For more details see the attached communication.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) has been vigilant in monitoring for drug use and dependence among our learners especially among the secondary schools. It has been reported that there is this so called use of "magic mushrooms" which could be readily available as drug substitute. Separate memorandum was uploaded last November 19, 2019 RM NO. 0650, on its harmful effects and warning for its use. It is included under the Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, that has the potential for misuse and no current accepted medical use in treatment.

2. In this regard, DepEd as member-agency of the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy (PADS), and the Inter-agency Committee on Illegal Drugs (ICAD), is now committed to strengthening Preventive Drug Education Program that will include the following topics. Relative to this, to all concerned, these topics should be given much emphasis in classrooms.

- a. Classification of Drugs
  - Stimulants (e.g. cocaine, amphetamine, metamphetamine)
  - Opioids (e.g. heroine, morphine, opium)
  - Depressants (e.g. alcohol, barbiturates, benzodiazepines)
  - Hallucinogens (e.g. LSD, mescaline peyote, ecstasy, magic mushrooms)
- b. Prevention of drug misuse and abuse
- c. Harmful side effects and long-term consequences of drug use
- d. Signs and symptoms of drug use
- e. Referral Cases to appropriate authorities for provision of intervention

3. In line with this, this Office through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD) reiterates issued Memoranda/Orders, enumerated as follows, to ensure the effective implementation of the National Drug Education Program (NDEP) which




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**aims to develop well-rounded learners equipped with resistance skills against risky behaviors that could lead to substance use and abuse :**

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  - b. DepEd Order No. 30, s. 2018 – Preventive Drug Education Program and Policy on Curriculum and Instruction
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4. Furthermore, this Office reminds school authorities to supervise, and give full support to the activities to be conducted under NDEP, such as ;
- a. Curriculum and Instruction
  - b. Co-curricular and Ancillary Services
  - c. Staff Development
  - d. Parent Education and Community Outreach
  - e. Monitoring, Research and Evaluation
5. Likewise, it is expected that school authorities, through the school's NDEP Focal Person will closely coordinate with the Barangay Anti-Drug Council (BADAC)/Municipal Anti-Drug Council (MADAC)/Provincial Anti-Drug Council (PADAC) and local health units for reported cases in their localities near the school zone for appropriate actions and interventions.
6. For information and strict compliance to this Memorandum

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