



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
REGION VIII  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

May 17, 2024

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 157, s. 2024

**INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHTING MEMORIAL 2024**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
CID and SGOD Chiefs  
Public School District Supervisors/ Principals In-Charge  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
School Health Section Personnel  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2024-09-03679, titled **International AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2024**, the Schools Division of Northern Samar joins the commemoration of this international event, held on the 3rd Sunday of May to remember the many lives lost to AIDS and show support to those who are living with the virus. It is also an opportunity to honor those who have dedicated their lives to helping people living with and affected by HIV and continue to mobilize our communities in solidarity.
2. To support the activity, all teaching and non-teaching personnel, student leaders, and field offices are encouraged to commemorate the IACM on **May 20-25, 2024** with the theme: **"PUT TOGETHER FIRST: Kandila ng Pagkalinga, Liwanag ng Pag-asa"**.
3. Moreover, participants are requested to use the hashtags **#AIDScandlelightmemorial2024**, **#IACM2024**, **#OKsaDepED**, **#MATATAG**, **#BansangMakabata** **#BatangMakabansa**, and **#DepedPhilippines** when posting and sharing content in online platforms. Materials can be accessed through <https://rb.gy/ugoqlq>.
4. Attached is DM-OUOPS-2024-09-03679 for the suggested undertakings and other relevant information.
5. For queries and/ or guidance, please contact any School Health Section personnel in schools or district.
6. Widest dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
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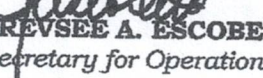
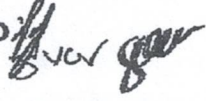
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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM

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TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND BARMM EDUCATION MINISTER  
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ESSD and SGOD CHIEFS  
HEALTH AND NUTRITION PERSONNEL  
SCHOOL HEADS  
OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM :  **ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
Undersecretary for Operations 

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



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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.gy/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 [blss.shd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blss.shd@deped.gov.ph).

For immediate and appropriate action.

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