

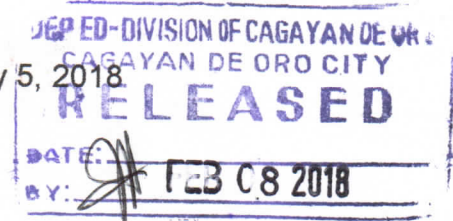


Department of Education
Region X – Northern Mindanao
DIVISION OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY
Masterson Avenue, Upper Balulang,
Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines



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Division Memorandum
No. 94 s. 2018



CONDUCT OF DIVISION INITIATED ACTIVITIES FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME/ INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH CELEBRATION FOR LEARNERS WITH DOWN SYNDROME AND OR WITH OTHER SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (LSENS)

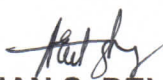
**To: Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads with SPED Classes
Elementary and Secondary Special Education (SPED) Teachers
This Division**

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 157 declaring the month of February as "*NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH*", the field is hereby informed on the conduct of the various division initiated activities on the dates specified below:

Date	Activity	Venue
February 15, 2018 1:00 to 5:00 Pm	SPED Socials for ID and CWA students 14 years old and above	Liceo De Cagayan University
February 22, 2018	SPED Got Talent 2018 (singing and dancing contest) opening ceremonies	TBA
February 23, 2018	SPED Bazaar	TBA
February 24, 2018	Mr. and Ms. Possibilities 2018, Closing/Awarding Ceremonies	SM City Uptown

2. The participants of the said series of activities are the Elementary and Secondary SPED Teachers, Learners with Special Educational Needs (LSENS) of the elementary and secondary schools implementing SPED Programs.
3. Further, all learner participants who will join the aforementioned activities must have their signed waiver from their respective parents to be compiled by their respective SPED teacher in compliance with the existing DepEd policy.

4. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this memorandum is desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: as indicated

Reference: Presidential Proclamation No. 157

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

CURRICULUM SPECIAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

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Proclamation No. 157
MALACAÑANG
Manila
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION No. 157

DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS "NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to provide priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children (Art. XIII, Section ii, Philippine Constitution);

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines recognizes that disabled children have the right to special care, education and training to help them enjoy full and decent lives in dignity and achieve the greatest degree of self-reliance and social integration possible (Art. 23, Paragraph 1. The U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child);

WHEREAS, there are now hundreds of thousands of Filipino children with Down Syndrome, who are invariably suffering from genetic mental, physiological and physical disabilities;

WHEREAS, children with Down syndrome deserve the dignity and respect from everyone and need the State's mantle of protection against abuse, violence and public Indifference;

WHEREAS, nationwide awareness of the Down Syndrome condition will immensely help in educating the public on the great potential that children with Down Syndrome possess to live normal lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of February of 2002 and the month of February every year thereafter as the "National Down Syndrome Consciousness Month" under the auspices of the Down Syndrome Association of the Philippines, Inc. For this purpose, the Department of Health, the Department of Education, the Department of Labor and Employment, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, other related agencies and appropriate NGOs are enjoined to extend their utmost support and cooperation in the commemoration of this event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th day of February in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.