



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION XII
DIVISION OF SULTAN KUDARAT



October 12, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
SGOD-SHS No. **213**, 2026

2026 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs of the Functional Divisions
Public Schools District Supervisors/Principals In-charge
Public Elementary and Secondary School Administrators
School Health Section Personnel
School WInS Coordinators
All Others Concerned
This Division

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order 10, s. 2016, re: "Policy and Guidelines for the Comprehensive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools (WInS) Program, this Office, through the School Health Section, enjoins all schools to participate in the Global Handwashing Day with the theme "Be a Handwashing Hero" on October 15, 2026.
2. This annual activity aims to raise awareness and understanding on the importance of handwashing with soap as an easy, effective, and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.
3. All schools shall organize activities, including but not limited to the following:
 - 3.1. participating in the virtual celebration initiated by DepEd - Central Office;
 - 3.2. demonstrating proper handwashing;
 - 3.3. sharing key messages about handwashing particularly before and after critical times every day during flag ceremony and/or through social media and other platform of convenience;
 - 3.4. posting of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials in strategic places within the schools; and
 - 3.5. organizing programs/activities for learners, teachers, and parents to strengthen handwashing awareness like singing/jingle contest, symposium, poster-making contest, and others.

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4. All activities shall be conducted at a time determined by the school, ensuring that regular classes and other essential school activities are not disrupted.
5. Public Schools District Supervisors, Principals In-Charge, and Elementary and Secondary School Heads shall oversee and monitor the implementation of the activities within their respective areas of responsibility.
6. Schools shall prepare a narrative report documenting the activities conducted, supported by relevant photographs and other means of verification. The report shall form part of the school's WinS documentation and shall be made available to the assigned School Nurse and/or Division WinS Technical Working Group during school monitoring and validation.
7. For queries and clarifications, all concerned may contact Ms. Annie Rose D. Racosas, RN, MAN, Division WinS Coordinator at cellphone number 0947-571-6198.
8. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are directed.


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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl/s.: none

Reference: DepEd Order 10, s. 2016

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