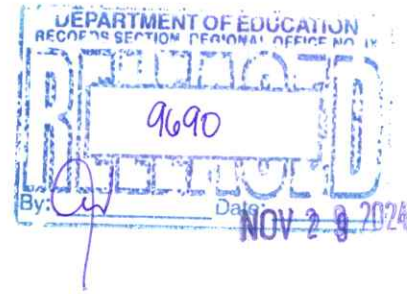




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**Office of the Regional Director**

**Advisory No. 287, s. 2024**  
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**REITERATION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE WORLD AIDS DAY 2024**

This has reference to the issued Central Office Memorandum DM-OUPS-20224-03-09915 dated November 22, 2024 pertaining to the **Observance of World AIDS Day 2024** with this year's theme, **"Take the Rights Path."**

In line with this, the regional office enjoins all division offices and schools to celebrate the said activity from December 1-15, 2024.

Attached is the copy of the memo for your information and guidance.

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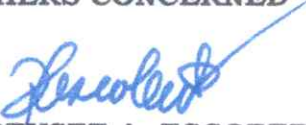
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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM

DM-OUOPS-2024-03-09915

TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
MINISTER OF BASIC, HIGHER, TECHNICAL EDUCATION,  
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SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ESSD AND SGOD CHIEFS  
SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION SECTION  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM :   
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO  
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : OBSERVANCE OF THE WORLD AIDS DAY 2024

DATE : November 22, 2024

- World AIDS Day (WAD) is conducted annually, every 1<sup>st</sup> of December, to raise awareness and knowledge, show support for people living with HIV (PLHIV), and honor the lives of those with AIDS-related illnesses. The celebration also serves as the time to renew our commitment in supporting the well-being of those with HIV, as well as those at risk for infection, while reflecting on the worldwide response to HIV and AIDS.
- The theme for 2024 is "**Take the Rights Path.**" This is in line with the campaign of the Department of Health highlighting the importance of health promotion in HIV response along with the Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC) that supports the mandate of World AIDS Day, which emphasizes the importance of human rights in addressing HIV and AIDS, advocating for dignity, equality, and access to health care for all.
- Following the Philippine HIV/AIDS Policy Act (Republic Act No. 11166), the Department of Education (DepEd) is strengthening its advocacy to lessen the number of HIV/AIDS in the country through Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE). In line with this, the **Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD)** enjoins all field offices to celebrate the WAD from **December 1-15, 2024**, through the following, but not limited to:
  - Online and public display of World AIDS Day (WAD) 2024 banner
  - Use of a customized profile frame: Access the frame at <https://twb.nz/2024wad>. Download your photo with the frame and upload it to your social media accounts
  - AIDS Walk
  - Use of hashtags **#WADph2024** and **#OKsaDepEd** when posting pictures and sharing content in an online platform



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e. Online or face-to-face HIV/AIDS educational talks and sessions that will keep attendees engaged:

- Creation of quizzes and questionnaires
- Encourage participants to ask questions
- Provision of merch, if available

4. For questions and clarifications, please contact **Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao**, Chief Health Program Officer, and **Ms. Phanny S. Ramos**, Health Education and Promotion Officer III of BLSS-School Health Division, via email at [blss.shd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blss.shd@deped.gov.ph), copy furnished [arh@deped.gov.ph](mailto:arh@deped.gov.ph), or telephone number (02) 8632-9935.

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