Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

November 23, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 746, s. 2026

OBSERVANCE OF THE WORLD AIDS DAY 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Senior/Education Program Specialists
Public Schools District Supervisors
Principals-In-Charge of the District
Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools
School Health and Nutrition Section Personnel
Senior High School Nurses/School-Based Nurses
District/School ARH Coordinators
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Division Memorandum No. 444, s. 2026 dated August 3, 2026 regarding Learner Support Observances for SY 2026-2027, **December 1, 2026** is hereby declared as **World AIDS Day**, with the theme: "**Ending AIDS Starts with Access**".

2. This year's observance underscores the importance of promoting equitable access to accurate HIV and AIDS information, preventive education, voluntary testing, treatment, care, and support services. It further emphasizes the vital role of schools in fostering awareness, eliminating HIV-related stigma and discrimination, and ensuring a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment for all learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, and other stakeholders.

3. In line with this, all schools are encouraged to undertake appropriate and age-responsive activities that promote awareness, understanding, inclusivity, and the prevention of HIV-related stigma and discrimination. These may include, but are not limited to, the following:

    a) Conduct of HIV and AIDS awareness and information dissemination activities among teaching and non-teaching personnel and learners;
    b) Integration of age-appropriate HIV and AIDS education into relevant learning areas and school health activities;
    c) Display of advocacy materials, posters, and other information, education, and communication (IEC) materials in strategic areas within school premises;
    d) Wearing of red ribbons as a symbol of awareness, support, and solidarity with people living with HIV; and
    e) Conduct of other relevant advocacy activities in coordination with local health offices and concerned stakeholders.

4. All activities shall be conducted in accordance with existing DepEd policies and guidelines on HIV and AIDS prevention and education, with consideration for learners' age, developmental needs, privacy, dignity, and protection against stigma and discrimination.

5. Participation in the activity shall subject to DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026, entitled *"Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education"*, and other applicable DepEd policies.

6. The Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) district coordinator shall consolidate their activities and submit a soft copy of brief accomplishment report and pictures through ARH District Focal's group chat on or before **December 4, 2026**.

7. All expenses related to the conduct of this activity may be charged against MOOE/local funds, all subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

8. Immediate dissemination of and compliance of this Memorandum are desired.

FELICIANO C. BUENAFE JR., CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: None
Reference: Division Memorandum No. 444, s. 2026
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

HEALTH EDUCATION
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August 3, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 444, s. 2026

LEARNER SUPPORT OBSERVANCES FOR SY 2026-2027

To: Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Principals In-charge of the District
Public Schools District Supervisors
Head Teacher In-Charge of the District
School Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 744, s. 2026 dated July 23, 2026 titled Learner Support Observances for SY 2026-2027.

2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

FELICIANO C. BUENAFE JR., CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: As stated
Reference: R.M. No. 744, s. 2026
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JUL 23 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 744 s. 2026

LEARNER SUPPORT OBSERVANCES FOR SY 2026-2027

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum OM-OUPS-2026-08-02174 from **Hon. Malcolm S. Garma, Undersecretary for Governance and Operations** dated June 18, 2026 regarding the **Learner Support Observances for SY 2026-2027,** which is self-explanatory.

2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

CRISTITO A. ECO, CESO III
Regional Director

Encl.: None
Reference: DepEd Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-08-02174
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MEMORANDUM
OM-OUGOPS-2026-0274

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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By: JUL 20 2026 TIME:

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS CONCERNED
ALL OTHER CONCERNED

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : **LEARNER SUPPORT OBSERVANCES FOR SY 2026-2027**

DATE : June 18, 2026

The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services (BLSS), issues the following guidance to Regional Offices (ROs), Schools Division Offices (SDOs), and schools, pursuant to Section V.B. Co-Curricular Activities and Legislated Celebrations of **DepEd Order (DO) No. 9, s. 2026**, titled *Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education*:

1. Attached as **Annex A** is the list of recommended learner support observances for SY 2026–2027. All ROs, SDOs, and teaching and non-teaching personnel are encouraged to support the commemoration of these observances through information dissemination and conduct of related activities.

2. Consistent with DO 9, s. 2026, commemoration of learner support observances in schools during the instructional block shall primarily be through integration in regular teaching and learning process. Additionally, observances may be incorporated as part of:
   a. After-class activities
   b. End-of-term block activities
   c. Pep talks or similar activities during flag ceremonies
   d. Printed IEC materials and behavioral nudges (which can be kept throughout the school year)

3. BLSS enjoins teaching and other non-teaching personnel to utilize the compendium of resources and references accessible through this link https://bit.ly/schoolhealth2627resources.

4. Subsequent advisories may be issued, as necessary, to provide further details on learner-support observances (e.g. annual theme, key messages, other materials or references).

5. All expenses related to the conduct of these observances may be charged against the Learner Support Program Funds or local funds, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For more information and concerns, please contact **Mr. Gideon John Tuliao**, Health and Education Promotions Officer II, or **Ms. Julia Andrea Aguila**, Technical Assistant II of BLSS-SHD through email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

ANNEX A

Recommended Learner Support Observances for SY 2026-2027

Month	Observances
June	• National Dengue Awareness Month • National No Smoking Month • 5 – World Environment Day • 26 – International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking • Week 3 – National Safe Kids Week
July	• Nutrition Month • 17 – National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Day • Week 4 – Diabetes Awareness Week
August	• National Lung Month • National Adolescent Immunization Month • 8-12 – Linggo ng Kabataan • 12 – Philippine International Youth Day • Week 1 – Sight-Conservation Week
September	• Childhood Cancer Awareness Month • 10 – World Suicide Prevention Day • 26 – World Environmental Health Day • 28 – World Rabies Day • 4th Monday – Pagkaing Pamilya Mahalaga Day • Week 1 – Obesity Prevention Awareness Week
October	• School Health Month • 10 – World Mental Health Day • 15 – Global Handwashing Day • 2nd Thursday – World Sight Day • Week 2 – National Health Education Week • Week 2 – National Mental Health Week
November	• Malaria Awareness Month • National Children's Month • 17 – National Students' Day • 19 – World Toilet Day • 25 – National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of VAWC • 3rd Sunday – National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors and their Families • Week 3 – Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week
December	• Firecrackers Injury Prevention Month • 1 – World AIDS Day
February	• Second Tuesday - Commemoration of Safer Internet Day Philippines • Philippine Heart Month • National Dental Health Month • Week 2 - National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
March	• Rabies Awareness Month • 22 – World Water Day • 24 – World Tuberculosis Day
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary for Operations

THRU : **ROGER B. MASAPOL**
Assistant Secretary for Governance and Operations Strand-Education Governance and Support Services

FROM : **DR. MIGUEL ANGELO S. MANTARING**
Director IV

SUBJECT : **COMPLETE STAFF WORK FOR THE SIGNING OF THE VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE LEARNER SUPPORT OBSERVANCES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

DATE : June 18, 2026

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

DepEd is committed to promoting the health and wellness of its stakeholders under the mandate of DepEd Order 28, s. 2018, or the Oplan Kalusugan (OK) sa DepEd. To ensure the relevance of DepEd's health initiatives pursuant to the said mandate, the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), has drafted the Learner Support Observances for School Year 2026-2027.

In compliance with Section V.B of **DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2026**, titled *Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education*. DepEd seeks to operationalize the designation of schools as healthy settings through the promotion and commemoration of learner support observances. Commemorative activities are essential to recognize, advocate, and educate learners on the importance of health-related topics aligned in the upcoming three-term school calendar.

II. LEGAL BASIS/REFERENCES

a. **RA 11223,** or the Universal Health Care Act; and
b. **DepEd Order 28, s. 2018**, or the Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd

III. OBJECTIVES

a. Increase awareness of priority health and wellness issues affecting learners.
b. Promote healthy behaviors and lifestyles that support learners' physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being.
c. Enhance learners' knowledge and skills for making informed health-related decisions.
d. Strengthen protective factors that contribute to learner resilience, safety, and overall well-being.
e. Encourage active participation in health promotion and wellness activities.

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f. Foster a supportive and inclusive school environment that values health, well-being, and positive development.
g. Engage parents, guardians, and community stakeholders in promoting learner health and wellness.

IV. EXPECTED OUTPUTS

Signed OUGOPS memorandum addressed to all regions to support the learner support observances for School year 2026-2027 and dissemination of appropriate materials related to the event.

V. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

No funds are involved in the signing of the attached memoranda.

VI. POTENTIAL BENEFIT/CHALLENGE

Support to the following observances contributes to the full realization of DO No. 28 s. 2018 to enhance learners' awareness on health concerns, provide accurate, accessible, and age-and development-appropriate information in making safe and informed decisions on their bodies, relationships and futures.

VII. CLEAR STATEMENT OF REQUEST/RECOMMENDED ACTION

This Office respectfully seeks the vetting and approval of the following documents:

a. Memorandum to the Field, "Learner Support Observances for SY 2026-2027"
b. Office of the Secretary Clearance, *"Request for Clearance from the Office of the Secretary for the Issuance of the Memorandum Relative to the Learner Support Observances SY 2026-2027."*

□ *Approved*
□ *Disapproved*
□ *Further Comments/Remarks*

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PETER IRVING C. CORVERA
OK ; w minor suggested revision penciled.

PETER IRVING C. CORVERA
Complied.
Cleared.

FOR : **ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff
Office of the Secretary

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE MEMORANDUM RELATIVE TO THE LEARNER SUPPORT OBSERVANCES SCHOOL YEAR (SY) 2026-2027**

DATE : June 18, 2026

This has reference to the request of the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) to issue the memorandum relative to the Learner Support Observances for SY 2026-2027.

This issuance is in line with DepEd's commitment to promote and protect the health and well-being of learners, as well as DepEd's mandates under **DepEd Order 28 s. 2018** or the Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd **(OKD)** and Section V.B of **DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2026**, titled *Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education.*

After a thorough review of the request, this Office respectfully seeks the Office of the Secretary's clearance and approval for the issuance of the said memorandum. Should you find it favorable, we humbly request that you indicate your approval on the space provided at the bottom of this document and affix your signature on the space above your name on this page. For questions and/or concerns, your staff may contact OUGOPS through email at ouops@deped.gov.ph.

Approved
Disapproved
Further Comments/Remarks