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Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent (ASDS) Chief Education Supervisors (CID and SGOD) Education Program Supervisors (EPSs) Public Schools District In-Charge (PSDICs) Elementary and Secondary School Heads School Health Personnel All Others Concerned

Subject:

PARTICIPATION TO HOPE IN OUR SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN FOR THE 2022 WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY AND BEYOND

- Relative to the Office of the Undersecretary Governance and Field Operations Memorandum No. 2022-03-0371 dated September 8, 2022, this Office enjoins the schools to support the HOPE (Help Orchestrate Positive Experience) in our Schools, inspired by and based on the theme of this year's World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10: "Creating Hope Through Action."
- 2. For details, please see enclosed Memorandum for guidance and reference.
- 3. For immediate dissemination and compliance.

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WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

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FOR:

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Bureau and Service Directors

Regional Directors and BARMM Minister of Education

Schools Division Superintendents

Elementary and Secondary School Heads

All Others Concerned

FROM:

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Governance and Field Operations

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HOPE IN OUR SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN FOR THE 2022 WORLD

SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY AND BEYOND

This Office, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), enjoins offices and schools to support the HOPE (Help Orchestrate Positive Experience) in our Schools Campaign, inspired by and based on the theme of this year's World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10: "Creating Hope Through Action."

The campaign has been launched online through the Facebook page of OK sa DepEd (https://facebook.com/OplanKalusuganSaDepEd) and will continue with a series of posts, encouraging both online and offline activities and promoting messages that "help orchestrate positive experience." Some content will also be shared by or posted on the official Facebook page and other social media accounts of DepEd Philippines, as relevant.

The campaign, which will go beyond the one-day annual observance, intends to encourage teaching and non-teaching personnel, learners, guardians, and other stakeholders, to actively take part in intentionally creating a positive social school environment through their respective roles and the available platforms in the school, online, and at home. The campaign's key message is that there is hope because help is available; and because we, as a community and individually through our own unique ways, have the capacity to show others that we care.

According to the *The Depression Project*, isolation and feeling like a burden are among the leading factors that contribute to suicide. The campaign aims to provide regular nudges to DepEd offices and schools to encourage them to actively and consciously cultivate a positive school environment where learners and personnel are constantly reminded that they are not alone, they are not a burden, and that situations are never hopeless.

Encouraging HOPE initiatives

The HOPE in Schools campaign has been conceptualized in coordination with representatives from bureaus and services concerned at the Central Office¹, considering how the theme for this year's observance of World Suicide Prevention Day can be contextualized in DepEd. Offices and schools are invited to align planned activities related to suicide prevention with the campaign's brand and messaging, as applicable.

Campaign materials may be accessed at https://bit.ly/depedhope. The folder will be regularly updated and updates will be announced on the OK sa DepEd Facebook page.

Regional and Division School Mental Health Program Coordinators are requested to provide necessary assistance to schools regarding their participation in this campaign.

Schools who will have ideas, initiatives, or insights related to the campaign (e.g., activities to promote positive school climate) are invited to submit such information to BLSS-SHD through the *OK* sa *DepEd* Facebook page or through email at schoolmentalhealth@deped.gov.ph . These submissions will be shared to other schools for possible adoption. They will also be considered in the ongoing development of the guidelines for the School Mental Health Program, under *Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd*.

For questions and concerns about this memorandum, please contact **Gian Erik M. Adao**, Education Program Specialist II, or **Luke C. Sismaet**, Technical Assistant II, BLSS-SHD through (02) 8-632-9935 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

For psychosocial support consultation or assistance for mental health problems, please contact the National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) through https://ncmhusaptavo.com/ or the NCMH Crisis Hotline:

Toll-Free Landline (Unlimited Calls Nationwide)	 1800-1888-1553 (One-time charge of P7.50 per call for Smart/TNT) 1553
GLOBE/TM	• 0966-351-4518
	• 0917-899-8727
SMART/SUN/TNT	0908-639-2672

The NCMH Crisis Hotline provides assistance on a 24-hours, seven-days a week basis for free to individuals with mental health problems, especially those who are in crisis and at risk of suicide. A full directory of the Department of Health's helplines may be accessed at: https://bit.ly/dohhelplines2022.

¹ Through a series of consultative meetings with representatives from the Public Affairs Service, Bureau of Curriculum Development, Bureau of Learning Delivery, Office of the Undersecretary for Youth Affairs and Special Concerns, Youth Formation Division, Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development, and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service