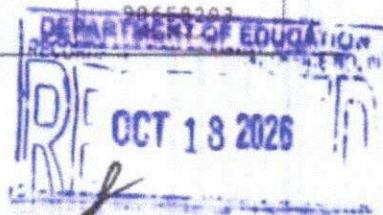




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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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2026 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION

To : Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs, School Governance and Operations Division
Division and School WinS Coordinators
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

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1. The Department of Education Regional Office III, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD) Health and Nutrition Section, joins the celebration of 2026 Global Handwashing Day with its multi-year theme, "Be a Handwashing Hero."
2. Celebrated every 15th of October, Global Handwashing Day is a global initiative that aims to raise awareness of the importance of handwashing with soap as a simple yet effective means of preventing diseases and saving lives. It also highlights the need to promote proper hand hygiene practices in schools, homes, and communities to help protect the health and well-being of learners and school personnel.
3. In this regard, all schools are enjoined to participate in the Simultaneous Handwashing Activity for all Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 7 learners on October 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Other grade levels are likewise encouraged to conduct a handwashing activity at a schedule to be determined by their respective schools.
4. The activity shall be properly documented by the class advisers. All photographs and other relevant documentation shall be submitted to the School WinS Coordinator, who shall be responsible for consolidating the submissions from all participating classes.
5. All schools are likewise encouraged to post documentation of their respective activities on their official Facebook pages using the hashtag #GlobalHandwashingDay2026 to raise awareness and promote wider participation in the celebration.
6. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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