

# Department of Education Region III

## **DIVISION OF ANGELES CITY**

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Division of City Schools

### RABIES AWARENESS AND PREVENTION THROUGH BRIGADA ESKWELA

To: All Heads of Public Secondary and Elementary Schools

- 1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum #34 s. 2017 entitled Rabies Awareness and Prevention through Brigada Eswkela.
- 2. Attention is invited to paragraph 4 which states that rabies education lectures will be conducted during the Brigada Eskwela in each school in coordination with the External Partnership Service.
  - 3. For your information and guidance.

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To: Undersecretaries
 Assistant Secretaries
 Bureau and Service Directors
 Regional Directors
 Schools Division Superintendents
 Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
 All Others Concerned

- 1. Rabies remains a serious public health problem in the country and is considered one of the most important zoonotic diseases in the world. It is a deadly disease that can be transmitted to humans through bite of an infected animal, usually dogs and cats. Consequently, available data shows that children below 15 years old are mostly the victims of dog bites.
- 2. As stipulated in Republic Act No. 9482 or the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007, the Department of Education (DepEd) is tasked to:
  - a. strengthen rabies education program through school health teaching or curriculum;
  - b. assist in the dog mass immunization campaigns in the community;
  - c. encourage collaborative activities with the Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, nongovernment organizations, post office and other concerned sectors; and
  - d. integrate proper information and education on responsible pet ownership in relevant subjects at the elementary and high school levels.
- 3. The *Brigada Eskwela* has been an effective program of the DepEd in ensuring the wellness and safety of students in the schools. It also promotes strong partnership and collaboration among various groups and stakeholders. Thus, *Brigada Eskwela* is a suitable venue to increase rabies awareness in the school community, including the teachers, learners, and parents.
- 4. To raise awareness on rabies prevention and efficiently disseminate rabies education among learners and parents, rabies education lectures will be conducted during the *Brigada Eskwela* Week in each school in coordination with the External Partnership Service.

- All regional directors (RDs), schools division or city superintendents (SDSs), and school heads (SHs) are enjoined to extend full administrative support to the management program.
- For more information, all concerned may contact the Bureau of Learner Support Services, School Health Division (BLSS, SHD), DepEd Central Office, Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone no. (02) 632-99-35 or through email at blss.shd@gmail.com.
- Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired. 8.

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Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 158, s. 2016

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

> **CAMPAIGN** CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVALS HEALTH EDUCATION **LEARNERS TEACHERS**

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