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Department of Education
REGION III – CENTRAL LUZON
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ

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SCHOOLS DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 036, s. 2026

**CONDUCT OF GOOD HYGIENE AND SANITATION PRACTICES AND DAILY
GROUP HANDWASHING ACTIVITIES IN ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary Schoolheads
All Others Concerned

1. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines health as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is recognized as a fundamental right of every human being.
2. In line with this, the Department of Education (DepEd) is committed to safeguarding the well-being of learners and ensuring that the highest standards of health and safety are met to enable them to achieve their full educational potential. To this end, the DepEd issued policies and guidelines to educate learners on proper hygiene and sanitation practices, pursuant to DepEd Order No. 10, s. 2016, otherwise known as the Policy and Guidelines for the Comprehensive Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Schools (WinS) Program.
3. In this regard, all public elementary and secondary schools are hereby instructed to adopt and strictly implement the said policy. Schools shall ensure the availability of adequate handwashing facilities, including clean water and soap, and that all learners participate in daily group handwashing activities at least once a day, as well as practice individual handwashing at critical times.
4. Furthermore, schools shall ensure the availability of gender-segregated and functional toilets, with effective mechanisms for menstrual hygiene management (MHM). This includes providing adequate and safe spaces where girls can manage menstruation with dignity, including areas where they may rest and recover from menstrual discomfort.
5. For queries, please contact the School Health and Nutrition Unit through marianne.coronel@deped.gov.ph.
6. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

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