



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION III – CENTRAL LUZON  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ

14 May 2026

**SCHOOLS DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 178 s. 2026

**INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL 2026**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All other concerned

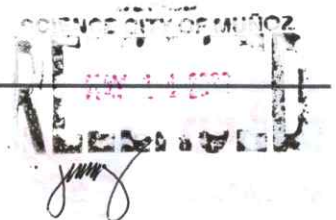
1. This office announces the observance of the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2026 with the theme “Light the Legacy: Remember, Advance, Act, Keeping the Light Alive”. The Candlelight Memorial Activity will be held on May 18, 2026 at the Schools Division Office right after the Flag Raising Ceremony.
2. The activity aims to honor the advocates and communities who have contributed significantly to the HIV response. It also aims to highlight advancements in HIV prevention through the years, recognize advancements in HIV prevention, treatment, and technology, and community-led initiatives, while inspiring sustained collection action, toward a more compassionate, people-centered, and sustainable response to AIDS and HIV.
3. Editable advocacy and promotional materials for the IACM 2026 observance may be accessible through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/IACM2026Materials>. Other materials can be accessed through <https://malayaako.ph>.
4. In connection with this, all Public Elementary, Secondary, and Integrated Schools, through the School Adolescent Reproductive Health Coordinator, are hereby enjoined to conduct online activities thru their official Facebook page from May 18 to 22, 2026, such as posting event banners, conducting HIV/AIDS awareness seminars, and holding a candlelight memorial activity.
5. Attached herewith is a copy of the School Narrative Report. Submission is on or before May 30, 2026. For clarification, contact the School Health and Nutrition Unit through [marianne.coronel@deped.gov.ph](mailto:marianne.coronel@deped.gov.ph) and [charmaineeljie.rayos@deped.gov.ph](mailto:charmaineeljie.rayos@deped.gov.ph).
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

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School Division Superintendent

Encl: No. 1  
Reference: None  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
Under the following subjects  
International AIDS Candlelight Memorial/OK sa DepEd  
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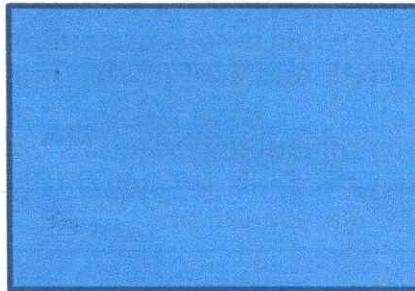
Narrative Report

Title of Activity

Date

- I. Introduction
- II. Goals and Objectives
- III. Highlights of the activity
- IV. Lessons learned
- V. Suggestions and recommendations
- VI. Annexes
  - Approved proposal, School Memo, Attendance
  - Photo Documentation (at most 4 pictures)

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Prepared by:

Approved by:

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School ARH Coordinator  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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School Head  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_