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Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS

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Regional Memorandum
No. 184 s. 2020

2020 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY (GHD) CELEBRATION

**To: Schools Division Superintendents
Division SBM-WinS Coordinators
School Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools**

1. Pursuant to the United Nation's (UN) declaration of a Global Handwashing Day (every October 15th) and Philippine House of Representatives Resolution No. 1436 otherwise known as the "Implementation of Annual Global Handwashing Day", the **2020 Global Handwashing Day (GHD)** shall be celebrated in all schools in Region VI on **October 15, 2020**.
2. Global Handwashing Day (GHD) is an annual global advocacy dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding the importance of handwashing with soap and water as an easy, effective, and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.
3. In this time of Covid 19 pandemic, handwashing has never been more important. Simple as it seems, hand hygiene specially washing hands with soap or the use of alcohol-based hand rub products is still the proven most effective way to stop the spread of this dreadful virus.
4. This year's theme "**Clean Hands for All**", highlights the elevated importance of regular and frequent handwashing during this COVID-19 pandemic as a method to reduce, if not to totally prevent the spread of pathogens, including COVID-19 virus.
5. Global Handwashing Day is likewise an opportunity to design, test, and replicate creative ways to encourage people to wash their hands with soap and water at critical times, thus, a whole-day virtual celebration will be held on October 15, 2020 starting at 9:00 o'clock in the morning (see *attachment*). This activity will showcase messages from the pillars and inspirations of SBM-



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WinS implementation in Region VI and sharing of best practices in schools and division offices related to hand hygiene through video presentations.

6. Highlighting this year's Global Handwashing Day Celebration is the annual **15-minute Synchronized Handwashing Activity** starting at exactly 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Enjoined to participate are learners and teachers in their homes, in schools and in division offices.
7. Expenses incurred by SDOs/schools for this activity shall be chargeable against local funds subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. Further clarifications and queries relative to this Memorandum shall be sent to Mateo E. Bimbao Jr., Regional SBM-WinS Coordinator through email address: mateo.bimbao@deped.gov.ph.
9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Regional Director

Encls.: as stated

References: FTAD WFP 2020, UN Declaration of Global Handwashing Day, House of Representative Resolution No. 1436, DepEd Order No. 65, 66 & 79 s. 2009, DepEd Order No. 10, s. 2016, Regional Order No. 3, s. 2015,

Allocation: None

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under the following subjects:

SBM WinS Students Teachers Celebrations



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Attachment 1 to RM 184, s 2020:

Virtual Global Handwashing Day 2020 Celebration
 Theme: **"Clean Hands for All"**
 Date: **October 15, 2020**

Program Flow			
TIME	Activity		
9:00 – 9:20	Opening Program Preliminaries	National Anthem Prayer Regional Hymn Welcome Remarks	Recorded Live
9:20 – 10:00	Messages/Speeches	Guests	Live
10:00 – 10:30	Synchronized Handwashing Activity	All learners in their homes, personnel in DepEd Offices, Zoom participants	Live
10:30 – 12:00	Video Presentations by SDOs	- Maximum length of videos - 10 minutes - learners doing handwashing at home, personnel in offices, etc. – background music maybe be the jingle or any appropriate music (Division/District/ school SBM-WinS Jingles) - May include Division profile/info – not more than 2 minutes - Submit videos to committee on or before October 12, 2020	Recorded
12:00 – 1:30	NOON BREAK		
1:30 – 4:00	Video Presentations by SDOs	Video presentations	Recorded
4:00 – 4:20	Closing Program	- Words of thanks and Message - Closing Remarks	Live/ recorded

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