

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

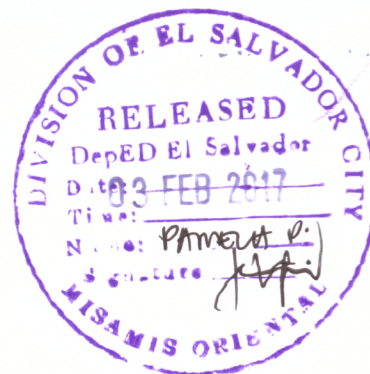
No. 007, s. 2017

TO: **EL SALVADOR CITY CENTRAL SCHOOL
SPECIAL EDUCATION (SpEd) CLASS**

FROM: 
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Regional Director/Concurrent SDS

SUBJECT: **2017 National Intellectual Disability Week**

DATE: February 3, 2017



1. Relative to Deped MEMORANDUM No. 15, s. 2017, the Department of Education (DepEd), in collaboration with other government and non-government organizations (NGOs), will celebrate the 2017 National Intellectual Disability Week from February 14 to 20, 2016 pursuant to the enclosed Presidential Proclamation No. 1385, s. 1975 entitled *Designating the Period from February 14 to 20, 1975, and Every Year thereafter, as Retarded Children's Week* with the theme: *Karapatan at Pantay-Pantay na Pagkakataon Para sa Lahat*.
2. The Department encourages all school heads especially those from schools with Special Education (SPED) programs to conduct any of the following suggested school-based activities during the week:
 - a. Inviting the public to visit schools and classes or other educational service providers for children and youth with intellectual disabilities;
 - b. Holding cultural shows, sports fest, photo and work exhibits, advocacy campaign in radio and television shows and other activities, which will feature success stories;
 - c. Showcasing the potential capabilities of children and youth with intellectual disabilities;
 - d. Conducting dialogues with parents, service providers and stakeholders on the theme of the celebration;
 - e. Discussing effective practices and systems of approach to better improve inclusion of children and youth with intellectual disabilities in the classroom, school and community during meetings in regular classes or school programs; and
 - f. Organizing day camp to provide opportunities for children and youth with disabilities to explore and learn while having fun and to highlight the Celebration of the National Intellectual Disability Week.
3. All activities to be undertaken should not disrupt regular classes nor compromise adherence to DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*. Activities which are community-based should be conducted during Saturday and Sunday of the week.
4. Schools shall submit a report on the conduct of activities a week after the celebration at the Division Office, which will be then forwarded to the Regional Office X.
5. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.