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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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DENGUE EPIDEMIC RESPONSE IN SCHOOLS

TO: ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
This Region

1. The Department of Health (DOH) declared a National Dengue Epidemic in the country. This calls for urgent response from all government agencies, including the Department of Education (DepEd), to address the health issue.
2. A National Memorandum was issued to emphasize the urgency of the anti-dengue drive through the 4-S strategy, which stands for **Search and Destroy, Seek early consultation, Self-Protective measures, and Say "no" to indiscriminate fogging**. Likewise, to protect the learners from mosquito bites, **using of insect repellent lotions, wearing of light-colored pants and long-sleeved polo or shirts are advised**.
3. During the Dengue Health Cluster Meeting with DOH, the following activities are requested for DepEd:
 - A. Ensure compliance to the 4S Strategy
 - B. Enhance Dengue Awareness in schools
 - C. Coordinate with DOH and Rural Health Unit (RHU) for the installation of Insecticide-Treated Screens (ITS)
4. The Division Health Personnel and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Coordinators are requested to closely monitor the dengue outbreak in their localities. Reporting of dengue cases shall be done at the school level through a software application to be developed by the Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS). A separate memorandum is to be released for this concern.
5. Schools Division Superintendents and other school officials are enjoined to support the anti-dengue awareness and initiatives.
6. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is highly desired.


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