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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**REGIONAL ORIENTATION ON THE POLICY AND GUIDELINES ON
COMPREHENSIVE TOBACCO CONTROL**

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To : **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**
This Region

1. Smoking is a leading cause of diseases, including cancer, cardiovascular diseases and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in the country. A local survey conducted by the School Health Division of the Department of Education found that among the selected public schools in certain provinces in Mindanao, only 20% of the school representatives are aware of the policy on tobacco control and protection against tobacco industry interference. Thus, an orientation on the Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control is necessary to ensure effective implementation of a cohesive and comprehensive schools and DepEd offices.
2. A Two-Day Regional Orientation on the Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control is scheduled on December 17-18, 2018 in Goat 2 Geder Hotel and Restaurant, Butuan City. However due to unavailability of speakers, it will be moved to January 17-18, 2019.
3. In line with this, each Schools Division Office shall send **three participants** to the Regional Orientation, one of whom shall be the designated Tobacco Control Coordinator at the Schools Division Office. The other participants may come from the Health Section-School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD), the Legal Officer (Chief Administrative Officer in the absence of Legal Officer), or the Curriculum and Instruction Division (CID).
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.

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