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May 15, 2017

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 246 s. 2017

**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018**

TO: ASDS  
Chiefs, CID & SGOD, DEPS, SEPS, EPS  
District Supervisors/District In-Charge  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is the **NIR Regional Memorandum No. 163, s. 2017** disseminating the School Calendar for School Year 2017-2018, for the information, guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.
2. The opening of the school year is **June 5, 2017** and closes on **April 6, 2018**.
3. All public elementary and secondary schools are hereby directed to implement school events and activities in accordance with the attached guidelines for the 2017-2018 Calendar of Activities, while private schools may deviate from the School Calendar provided that they adhere to the provisions of Republic Act No. 7977 and that the Regional Office be notified.
4. For details, see attached communication and enclosure.
5. Immediate dissemination is directed.

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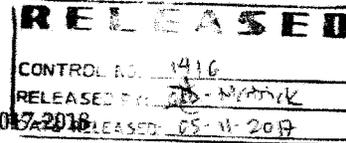


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May 11, 2017

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
No. 163, s. 2017



**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
Division Chiefs of SGOD and CID  
Heads of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is DepEd Order No. 25 s. 2017 entitled "School Calendar for School Year 2017-2018", formally announcing the opening of the school year on June 5, 2017 and its close on April 6, 2018.
2. All public elementary and secondary schools are hereby directed to implement school events and activities in accordance with the Implementing Guidelines for the SY 2017-2018 Calendar of Activities.
3. Private schools may deviate from the School Calendar provided that provisions in Republic Act No. 7977 be followed and that the Regional office will be notified.
4. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with the DepEd Order is directed.

  
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**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018**

To: Undersecretary  
Assistant Secretary  
Regional Office Director  
School Division Superintendent  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Divisions  
All Offices Concerned

Bricks: As stated

Reference: DepEd Order Nos. 23 and 29 s. 2016

To be indicated in the Bids/Qual Index  
under the following category:

- CALENDAR, SCHOOL  
CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVALS  
CLASSES  
POLICY  
SCHEDULES

Approved: [Signature] **LEONOR MATTOLOS BRIONES**  
Secretary

1. The **School Year 2017-2018** shall formally open on **Monday, June 5, 2017** and shall end on **Friday, April 6, 2018**. It shall consist of **204 school days** inclusive of the extended In-Service Training and the four days for the Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC) conducted every quarter. However, teachers are expected to be in school for a total of **196 class days**, as shown in Schedule No. 1.
2. Private schools may deviate from this School Calendar. However, they may not start classes earlier than the first Monday of June and not later than the last day of August, as provided in Republic Act No. 7297 entitled "An Act to Lengthen the School Calendar from 200 Modified Learning Days to One More Than Two Hundred Twenty (220) Class Days. Said schools should notify in advance their respective regional offices (RDO) regarding any deviation from the school calendar.
3. The Implementing Guidelines on the **SY 2017-2018 Calendar of Activities** are provided to enable the schools to effectively and efficiently implement the school events and activities. Likewise, the guidelines shall allow the RDOs and the schools division offices to provide support to activities, particularly in the areas of instruction and progress monitoring and evaluation.
4. Schools may observe national and local celebrations/activities and holidays other than those indicated in Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2, provided that the activities are beneficial to the learning-teaching process, and that the total number of class days shall not be compromised.
5. Make-up classes are recommended in lieu of class cancellations due to celebrations and holidays, as well as national and non-made celebrations. Meritism for the conduct of make-up classes may be agreed upon by school heads and the Teacher Associations. In this regard, the RDO may issue a regional school calendar to reflect their respective preferences.
6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

**LEONOR MATTOLOS BRIONES**  
Secretary

**Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar  
for School Year 1971-2017-2018**

1. The school year shall formally open on **Monday, June 5, 2017** and shall end on **Friday, April 6, 2018**. It shall consist of **208 school days**, inclusive of the five-day In-Service Training and four Family-Teacher Conferences (FTCs).
2. Learners are expected to be in school for a total of **195 class days** for this SY. To ensure quality in the school operation and actual teaching/learning, the 190-day contact time for teachers and learners is non-negotiable. The physical presence of school hands in schools shall also be enforced.
3. Local activities and observances that involve student participation, such as competitions, activities, mass conferences, celebrating activities, and field trips, shall be **regulated** so as not to cause disruption of classes and to ensure that the required contact time of teachers and learners is met. Regions, Divisions and Schools are encouraged to plan and implement these activities once in a school year or after each quarter. There shall be no co-curricular and extra-curricular activities two weeks before the quarterly examinations.
4. A general assembly shall be conducted by all schools to orient stakeholders on the curriculum, co-curricular programs and auxiliary services to support learner development and the continuous improvement of school outcomes. The assembly shall be done at least a week before the school opening to ensure that the conduct of classes is done on the formal opening of classes on June 5.
5. Parent-teacher conferences shall be done to apprise the parents on the performance of their children and ensure their involvement in school activities. These conferences shall be conducted back-to-back with the classes activities, and every second Saturday after the Quarterly Examinations except on the last conference in April 2018.
6. All elementary schools shall administer the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Checklist for Kindergarten Children during the opening of classes, mid-year, and end of school year. The result will be used as basis in planning and formulating appropriate interventions for children.
7. Documenting of children in school shall be conducted within the month of July 2017 and January 2018.
8. A career guidance program shall be conducted between July and December 2017 to guide Grades 9, 10 and 11 students in making informed choices on their preferred Senior High School track.
9. At the end of the Second Quarter, a semester break for learners shall be observed to evaluate individual teachers and their collective performance, as well as to conduct the In-Service Training (INSET) activities for their continuing professional development. An additional day for In-service Materials (ISM) presentation shall also be observed.

10. The Christmas break shall begin on **Saturday, December 23, 2017**. Classes shall resume on **Wednesday, January 3, 2018**.
11. To ensure quality of learning, formative assessments shall be regularly conducted by the teachers. On the national level, the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA) shall administer the National Career Assessment Program (NCAP) to assess the aptitude and interest of students and to determine their relevant information on their skills, abilities and readiness for university and non-academic courses, the Early Language Literacy Assessment (ELLAA) to measure the literacy skills of the learners in their own language, the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) to measure the English and the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) to measure the mathematics knowledge and skills of the learners in Grade 6 and Grade 10.
12. Learning deliberation may be conducted two weeks before the graduation or meeting up opportunities for the following:
  - a. Learners who will receive recognition and awards;
  - b. Learners who are candidates for graduation. They shall accomplish their clearance one week prior to date of graduation.
13. In preparation for the opening of classes for SY 2018-2019, the schools shall conduct the following activities:
  - a. Early Registration of learners on **Saturday, January 27, 2018** in the schools where they want to study;
  - b. Physical Education from **May 14 to 15, 2018** to enable the campers and the school to prepare their facilities before the start of another school year;
  - c. Clean Health Education from **May 21 to June 1, 2018** to facilitate the enrollment of learners; and
  - d. In-Service Training (INSET) activities for teachers from **May 28 to June 1, 2018**, a week before the opening of classes.
14. In Enclosure 1, a calendar is presented with specific markings:
  - a. Declared holidays and weekends with no classes are crossed out (X).
  - b. Days with school activities for teachers, principals and other stakeholders (e.g., FTCs, general assemblies, PPTF for out of school learners) are boxed (B).
  - c. Days with student activities or activities that involve student participation (e.g., NAEP, NCAP, ELLAA, document on school children) are underlined (U). These activities are conducted on class days and may or may not disrupt classes. If the date for a student activity in a specific month is still tentative, the box solid day is temporarily marked to serve as a placeholder.
  - d. School activities conducted for several weeks (i.e., Early Registration) are no longer reflected in the actual calendar.



Activities and/or Observances Mandated by Law

Month/Date	Activities and/or Observances	Legal Basis
MAY		
9	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversaries of Isabelo Dela Cruz	
10	Commemoration of the Death Anniversaries of Aurora Aragon	
13	Commemoration of the Death Anniversaries of Apollonio Mabini	Administrative Order (AO) No. 23, 2011
22	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversaries of Friendship Day	
26	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversaries of Felix Aguinaldo	
May 28 - June 12	National Flag Day Celebration	Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8491, Presidential Proclamation (PP) No. 374, s. 1966 Executive Order (EO) No. 179, s. 1994
JUNE		
1-30	Juneteenth Awareness Month	Health Calendar 2016 (2011)
5	National Kidney Month	DM No. 14, s. 2014
13-17 Third week of June	World Environment Day	PP 1387, s. 2007
14	National Safe Kids Week	Health Calendar 2016 (2011)
June 16-June 31	World Blood Donor Day	
June 16-June 31	Nationwide Search for the Outstanding W.A.T.E.R. (We Advocate True Encouragement and Honesty) Schools	PP 1782, s. 2009
June 16-June 31	Panbansang Lawad sa Ultrang Kabataan	PP 110, s. 1963 PP 24, s. 1967 DM 143, s. 2014
19	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversaries of Dr. Jose Rizal	AO 21, s. 2011
24	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversaries of Macedo Aguinaldo	AO 23, s. 2011
25	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversaries of Galleano Alarcache	DM 146, s. 2014
26	International Day Against Drug Abuse	Health Calendar 2016 (2011)
30	Commemoration of the Historic Siege of Balatoc and Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day	RA 9187 PP 198, s. 2008
JULY		
1-31	National Disaster and Preparedness Month National Nutrition Month	DM 69, s. 2015 EO 117, s. 1989 PP 491, s. 1974

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4	Commemoration of the Death Anniversaries of Marsilio H. Del Pilar	AO 21, s. 2011
7-11	Science and Technology Week	DM 308, s. 208
12	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversaries of Vicente Alad Saigon	AO 23, s. 2011
17-23	National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week	PP 361, s. 200 PP 4870, s. 179 PP 351, s. 200
22	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversaries of Apolinario Mabini (Mabini Day)	AO 23, s. 2011
23	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversaries of Apolinario Mabini	RA 9430 AO 33, s. 2002 DM 130, s. 2013 PP 381, s. 200
23	Commemoration of the Philippine-Japan Friendship Day	AO 23, s. 2011
23-28	Green Campaign Week	PP 425, s. 2013
Last Week of AUGUST	United Nations Philippine Filipino Month	PP 433, s. 2014
1-31	Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa History Month	Presidential 1041, s. 1097 DM 74, s. 2016 PP 373, s. 201
1-31	National Adolescent Organization Month National Business/Service Awareness Month National Tuberculosis Awareness Month	Health Calendar 2016 (2011)
1	Commemoration of the Death Anniversaries of President Manuel L. Quezon	PP 40, s. 1981
7-13	ASIAN Week	AO 21, s. 2011
9	National Indigenous Peoples Day	PP 1006, s. 2007
15	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversaries of Manuel L. Quezon	DM 143, s. 2013 RA 10669 RA 6741
30	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversaries of Marcelo H. Del Pilar	DM 127, s. 2013
30	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Birth of Saldanña Dela Botz	AO 21, s. 2011
31	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversaries of President Benigno Maguiness	RA 6750 DM 77, s. 2015
31	White Care Safety Day	
SEPTEMBER		
1-30	National Peace and Goodwill Month	PP 673, s. 2014
1-7	National Crime Prevention Week	PP 461, s. 1994 DM 150, s. 2011
September 5 - October 5	National Teacher's Month	PP 242, s. 2011 DM 99, s. 2015
Second week	National Suicide Prevention Day	Health Calendar 2016 (2011)

Month/Date	Activities and/or Observances	Legal Bases (LOI)
15	Commencement of the Opening of Schools Congress	PP 246, s. 2011
21	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Declaration of Martial Law	AO 20, s. 2012 PP 1081, s. 1972 PP 99, s. 1972 PP 475, s. 2005
25-30	Ulangang Kobayan	DM 173, s. 2013
26-30	Ulangang Kastang Pilipino	DM 173, s. 2013
27	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Gen. Miguel Malvar	AO 23, s. 2011 DM 148, s. 2011
28	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of President Diosdado Macapagal	AO 23, s. 2011
Last week of September	Family Week	PP 65, s. 1992
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
1-31	Consumers Welfare Month	PP 1090, s. 1997 DM 111, s. 2015
1-7	National Health Month	DM 174, s. 2012
1-7	National Indigenous Peoples (IP) Month	PP 1506, s. 2009 PP 470, s. 1997 RA 10743
5	World Teachers' Day	DM 99, s. 2015
6	Global Hand Washing Day	DM 32, s. 2016
17-20	Commemoration of the Late Gail Lading	DM 119, s. 2015 PP 653, s. 1995
20	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Asensio Ricardo	AO 108, s. 1994
24	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Benigno	AO 23, s. 2011
25	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of 1989 Apostolic	AO 23, s. 2011
29	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Antonio Luna	PP 489, s. 2012 DM 122, s. 2015
(tentative) tentative)	Juvenile Justice and Welfare Consciousness Week	DM 174, s. 2012
* 3rd week of June	National Health Education Week	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
	Philippine Values Month	PP 479, s. 1994
	Malera Awareness Month	PP 1168, s. 2008
1-30	National Children's Month	RA 10661 DM 63, s. 2015
	National Environment Awareness Month	DM 124, s. 2015 RA 9812
7-10	National Reading Month	DM 14, s. 2014
	National Observance of Hand Awareness Week	DM 163, s. 2012 PP 479, s. 1994 DM 176, s. 2012

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16	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of President Epifanio Quins	PP 947, s. 2015
23	National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children (2A-WAEC)	RA 10398
Nov 25-Dec 12	18 Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (2A-WAEC)	
25-30	Alay ng Pagpapasa	RA 10556
25-30	National Week for the Gifted and Talented	PP 199, s. 1999
Parish week	National Music Week for Young Artists	PP 25, s. 1998 DM 30, s. 2014
Last week		
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
1-31	Fireworker's Injury Prevention Month	Health Calendar 2016 (LOI)
1	Migal Month	PP 126, s. 2001
1	World AIDS Day	DM 120, s. 2011
4-10	International Day of Person with Disabilities	PP 1197, s. 2006 RA 9201
4-10	National Human Rights Consciousness Week	DM 152, s. 2015
Sunday	National Children's Day of Broadcasting	RA 8276
7-12	Education Week	
7-12	Historical, Cultural and Arts Festival of Excellence	PP 239, s. 1985 PP 126, s. 2001
<b>JANUARY</b>		
1-31	Food Conservation Month	PP 1398, s. 1975
1-31	Physical Fitness and Sports Development Month	RA 68, s. 1993
1-31	Zero Waste Month	Health Calendar 2016 (LOI)
19-24	National Cancer Consciousness Week	PP 1246, s. 1975
20-27	National Autism Consciousness Week	PP 711, s. 1996
20-27	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Investigation of the First Philippine Republic	DM 5, s. 2016 PP 633, s. 2013 PP 523, s. 2012
23		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
1-28	National Arts Month	PP 683, s. 1991
	National Dental Health Month	DM 25, s. 2016 PP 559, s. 2004
	National Heart Month	DM 7, s. 2013
4	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Buildingo Aquilino	PP 1096, s. 1973
4	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of General Emilio Aguinaldo	AO 23
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7	Addition Consciousness (Addiction)	PP 72, s. 1999
12-18	Leprosy Control Week	PP 467, s. 1965
13-17	National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Negligence	PP 731, s. 1996 DM 5, s. 2015
14-20	National Children with Intellectual Disabilities Week	PP 1385, s. 1975

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17	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Martyrdom of GOMBURZA	PP 204, s. 2062
22-25	EDSA People Power Anniversary	AO 47, s. 7007 PP 1224, s. 2097 PP 1105, s. 2015
26	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Baldomero Aguinaldo	AO 23, s. 2011
<b>MARCH</b>	Reminiscence of Remains of Elpidio Quirino	
29	Birth Anniversary of Benigno Aquino	PP 115, s. 1966
1-31	National Women's Month	RA 6989 PP 224, s. 1988 PP 227, s. 1988 DM 20, s. 2014 PP 759, s. 1996 DM 110, s. 1992 PP 1237, s. 2009
7	Girl Child Week	
9	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Pascasio Rizal	PP 1237, s. 2009
17	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of President Benigno Maguiness	AO 23, s. 2011
22	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of General Emilio Aguinaldo	
<b>APRIL</b>	Global Money Week	DM 41, s. 2013
2	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Francisco "Bongsoy" Beldan	PP 994, s. 1997 DM 33, s. 2014
10	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of General Hubert Torres	AO 23, s. 2011
5-11	Commemoration of the Aringay Fight and Philippine Veterans Week	