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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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2023 DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL WEEK

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary Schoolheads

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 124 dated November 26, 2011, titled **Declaring the Third Week of November of Every Year as “Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week”**, the Dangerous Drugs Board, in collaboration with the Department of Education – Schools Division Office of Sarangani through the School Governance and Operations Division – School Health Section, announces the conduct of the **2023 Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week** which will run from November 12, 2023 to November 18, 2023.
2. This year’s celebration adopted the 2023 International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking theme: “People First: Stop Stigma and Discrimination, Strengthen Prevention”, which aims to promote awareness about the importance of treating People Who Used Drugs (PWUDs) with respect and empathy, providing evidenced-based, voluntary services for all; prioritizing prevention and leading with compassion.
3. All public elementary and secondary schools are encouraged to take part in the celebration and continue to highlight their drug prevention activities throughout the year.
4. Below are the suggested school-based activities.
 - a. Drug Prevention Education Awareness Campaign
 - b. Posting of DAPC Week 2023 banner in the school
 - c. Barkada Kontra Droga activities (Dance, Sports, Drama, etc.)
 - d. Community Outreach
 - e. Linkage with other National Government Agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations
 - f. Other National Drug Education Program-related activities
5. For inquiries, contact Ms. Michelle B. Padrigo at 09551542311.
6. Widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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