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Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF PAMPANGA

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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2026 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION

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TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
School WinS Coordinators
All others concerned

1. In line with the celebration of Global Handwashing Day 2026, all public elementary and secondary schools in the Schools Division of Pampanga are encouraged to conduct appropriate activities promoting proper handwashing with soap as a simple, effective, and affordable practice to prevent the spread of communicable diseases and promote the health and well-being of learners and school personnel with its theme, " Be a Handwashing Hero."

2. The celebration aims to:
a. Raise awareness of the importance of proper handwashing with soap in preventing illnesses and maintaining good personal hygiene;
b. Strengthen the implementation of the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Schools (WinS) Program;
c. Encourage learners, teachers, and other school personnel to practice proper handwashing at critical times; and
d. Promote shared responsibility among schools, families, and communities in sustaining proper hygiene practices.

3. All school heads, in coordination with their respective WinS Coordinators, are enjoined to participate in the Simultaneous Handwashing Activity for all Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 7 learners on **October 15,2026, at 9:00am**. Other grade levels are likewise encouraged to conduct a handwashing activity at a schedule to be determined by their respective schools.

4. All schools are encouraged to document their activities through photographs and other appropriate means for monitoring, documentation, and advocacy purposes and shall be submitted to the School WinS Coordinator, who shall be responsible for consolidating the submissions and posting on their official Facebook pages using the hashtag **#GlobalHandwashingDay2026**

5. For information, guidance, and compliance.

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