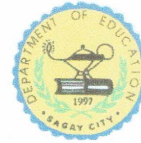




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region VI – Western Visayas
DIVISION OF SAGAY CITY



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM


No. 264, s. 2019

To: Chief CID & SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors
Head of Public and Private Elementary/Secondary Schools
All Concerned

30th WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

1. As stipulated in DepEd Memorandum No. 095, s. 2019, **August 1 of Every Year was declared as White Cane Safety Day** based on the provision of Republic Act No. 6759. In this connection, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID) will celebrate the **30th White Cane Safety Day** to support the efforts of the present administration in promoting good governance through respect and realization of all human rights. This year's theme is *Putting Baston, Simbolo ng Kalayaan ng Taong May Kapansanan sa Paningin: Dapat Kilalanin, Igalang at Pagtibayin*.
2. The celebration will commence with the activities that aim to:
 - a. stimulate public awareness on the rights and welfare of people who are blind and with low vision;
 - b. promote recognition and acceptance of the white cane as symbol of mobility and safety for people who are blind and with low vision;
 - c. strengthen and protect the physical, moral, social well-being of people who are blind and with low vision; and
 - d. serve as vehicle of information on the continuing development of programs being implemented through partnerships between public and private sectors to realize the rights and fundamental freedom of people who are blind and with low vision.
3. In this connection, all SPED centers and public and private schools with Special Education programs may conduct the following activities throughout the month of August and beyond:
 - a. showcasing of talents of blind and low vision learners;
 - b. sharing of information on best practices concerning the education of the visually impaired by inviting blind learners or educators as resource persons and other professionals working for people who are blind;
 - c. holding of symposia, fora, workshops, panel discussions and sports, arts and cultural activities relevant to the prevention and rehabilitation of blindness, and rights of the visually impaired learners; and

- d. holding of academic contests in Braille reading and writing, quiz bee, and other activities, which highlight the talents, skills and rights of the visually impaired learners.
4. All SPED centers and public and private schools with SPED programs are encouraged to observe the White Cane Safety Day with appropriate activities. However, activities to be undertaken should not disrupt classes as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled **Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.**
5. Every schools shall submit a brief narrative with pictorial report on the **SPED – Sagay Group** or email at **jordan.beleganio18@deped.gov.ph**
6. For more information, please contact *Jordan T. Beleganio, PhD – SPED Coordinator* at *09082827183*.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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