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22ND WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES DAY

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Pursuant to Proclamation No. 744 (2004) entitled Declaring the Last Monday of March of Every Year as Women with Disabilities Day, the Department of Education (DepEd) in coordination with the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), encourages all regions, divisions, and schools to celebrate the 22nd Women with Disabilities Day on March 30, 2026. This year's theme, 'Landas ng Makabagong Babaylan: Pantay, Inklusibo, at Lahat May Kakayahan," celebrates women with disabilities as visionary leaders whose inherent capabilities drive meaningful inclusion and community transformation.

2. In compliance with DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled, Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith, all activities shall be conducted without causing any disruption to regular classes, ensuring that teaching and learning remain uninterrupted throughout the celebration week.

3. For further information, please contact the Bureau of Learning Delivery – Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID) by email at bld.sid@deped.gov.ph or through telephone number 8673 – 4346.

4. Attached is the advisory with the listed activities in support of the celebration.

5. For information and guidance.

For the Regional Director:

ARNOLD I. VINO
Chief Administrative Officer
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Encl.: Advisory
Reference: BLD Advisory dated February 10, 2026

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To support this celebration, all schools are encouraged to conduct activities aligned with the theme, including the following but not limited to:

1. Display campaign materials within school premises and on official social media pages. To ensure branding consistency, schools should use the official NCDA designs, which are available at https://tinyurl/2026-WWD.
2. Integrate the celebration into the flag ceremonies by encouraging learners and faculty to wear purple ribbons or flaglets. In the spirit of female leadership, the assembly should be led by female teachers and learners, including a female teacher with a disability who will lead a pledge of inclusion.
3. Facilitate short, engaging sessions such as teaching learners basic Filipino Sign Language (FSL) for the theme *"Pantay, Inklusibo, at Lahat May Kakayahan,"* or introducing the Braille system by showing learners how to write their names using its characters and symbols.
4. Host programs that showcase the talents, skills, and achievements of women with disabilities locally and internationally. Schools may also invite guest speakers to share inspiring stories of leadership and empowerment.

The Department emphasizes that this celebration is a collective endeavor. This calls upon general education learners, learners with disabilities, parents, and all stakeholders to participate actively.

In compliance with DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 (Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task), these activities must be integrated into relevant subjects to ensure the non-disruption of classes and maximize instructional time.

For inquiries or clarifications, kindly contact the Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID) by email at bld.sid@deped.gov.ph.

This is issued for information and guidance.

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