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**Office of the Schools Division
 Superintendent**

21 April, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
 No. **229**, s. 2026

**Coordination Meeting on the Interface of Guidance and Counseling Services and
 School Health Programs for Adolescent Interventions**

To: **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent**
Chiefs of SGOD and CID
Public Schools District Supervisors/In-Charge
Section Head, School Health & Nutrition
Select Guidance Counselors
Division ARH, NDEP and School Mental Health Coordinators
 All Others Concerned

1. The adolescent stage is a critical period marked by complex health and psychosocial challenges. To ensure a holistic support system, this Office recognizes the need to synchronize the clinical expertise of School Nurses with the psychosocial interventions of Guidance Counselors. This initiative is anchored on *RA 12080 (Basic Education Mental Health and Well-being Promotion Act)* and *RA 11030 (Mental Health Act)*, which mandate the institutionalization of school-based mental health programs and clear referral mechanisms. Furthermore, in compliance with *RA 10354 (Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act)* and *DepEd Order No. 025, s. 2025*, schools are tasked to provide integrated guidance on reproductive health. By converging these efforts under the framework of *DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2018 (Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd)*, the Division aims to eliminate the “silo” approach, ensuring that interventions for mental health, reproductive health, and substance abuse are handled with professional synergy, efficiency, and strict confidentiality.

2. In view of the above, a coordination meeting shall be held on **April 23, 2026, at 8:00 AM at Division Office conference hall**. The meeting aims to:

- a. Define clear boundaries and collaboration points between the School Health Section and the Guidance Office.
- b. Develop a unified “Integrated Referral Flowchart” for cases involving mental health, teenage pregnancy, and substance abuse.
- c. Standardize intake forms and documentation to ensure data privacy while maintaining clinical accuracy; and
- d. Improve the overall efficiency of service delivery to adolescent learners.



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3. Expected participants include the School Health Section Head, Guidance Counselors/Advocates and select School Nurses listed in **Enclosure 1**. Participants are encouraged to bring existing school-level referral templates for alignment.
4. Travel expenses and other incidental costs shall be charged against local funds/MOOE, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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Schools Division Superintendent

for the Schools Division Superintendent

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In - Charge of Office

Encl: None
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