



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION IV- A CALABARZON
CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 513 s. 2026

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL DENTAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY HEALTH OFFICE – DENTAL SECTION**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
Heads, Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

1. In accordance with **DepEd Order No. 33, s. 2019**, Implementing Guidelines on the Comprehensive Oral Health Program of the Department of Education, and with reference to **DepEd Memorandum No. 469, s. 2026**, Learners' Health Assessment and Screening (LHAS) for School Year 2026–2027, and in support of the National Oral Health Program of the Department of Health (DOH), this Office, through the **School Health and Nutrition Unit – Dental Services**, in partnership with the **City Health Office (CHO) – Dental Section**, shall conduct **Joint Oral Health Promotion Activities** in selected public elementary schools.

2. The activity aims to strengthen oral health promotion, prevent dental caries, and promote proper oral hygiene practices among learners through the collaborative efforts of the Department of Education and the City Health Office. Specifically, it seeks to:

- Demonstrate the proper toothbrushing technique among learners;
- Increase learners' knowledge of oral disease prevention through oral health education and the promotion of healthy dietary practices;
- Provide preventive dental services through fluoride varnish application to eligible learners; and
- Strengthen the partnership between the Department of Education and the City Health Office in promoting oral health among schoolchildren.

3. The joint activity shall include the following:

A. Toothbrushing Activities

- Distribution of toothbrushes and toothpastes;
- Demonstration and supervised practice of the proper toothbrushing technique.

B. Oral Health Education

Topics include:

- Prevention of dental caries;
- Proper oral hygiene practices; and
- Healthy diet for good oral health.

C. Free Fluoride Varnish Application

- Fluoride varnish shall be applied only to eligible learners by licensed dentists from the City Health Office – Dental Section and the Division Dentist.
- Only learners with duly signed parental or guardian informed consent forms shall receive the procedure.
- Standard infection prevention and control measures shall be strictly observed throughout the activity.

D. Oral Health Assessment and Screening

- Oral health assessment and screening shall be conducted as part of the Learners' Health Assessment and Screening (LHAS).
- Only learners with duly signed Learners Health Assessment and Screening (LHAS) consent forms will be assessed.

E. Provision of dental services at the School Dental Health Care Program Clinics

Dental services shall be provided by the Division Dentist at the SDHCP Clinics located at **Tayabas East Central School** and **Calumpang Integrated School**. Coordination shall be undertaken with the School Heads to ensure the orderly conduct of the activity.

- Learners identified with urgent dental concerns during the school visits shall be listed through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/OralUrgentConcerns>
- Appointment schedules shall be coordinated with the concerned School Heads.
- Available dental services that will be provided are based on the assessed oral health status and include the following:
 - Oral examination and consultation;
 - Oral hygiene instruction;
 - Oral prophylaxis (basic cleaning);
 - Fluoride varnish application;
 - Basic tooth extraction;
 - Temporary filling;
 - Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART);
 - Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) application.
- Parents/guardians shall accomplish the Parent Consent Form and ensure that the learner's Health Record is brought during the scheduled appointment.

4. School Heads are advised to:

- Coordinate with the Division Dentist and City Health Office-Dental Section to facilitate the implementation of the program;
- Ensure that teachers inform students and their parents /guardians of the activity schedule, requirements, and guidelines;
- Encourage and monitor learner participation in the program;
- Distribute the Parent/Guardian Informed Consent Form which can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/dental-consent-form> and ensure that duly accomplished forms are collected prior to the scheduled activity;
- Prepare the student health card which will be used for oral health assessment and treatment
- Provide an appropriate venue and the necessary logistical support during the conduct of the activity.

5. The schedule of activities for the month of **August 2026** is presented below for information and guidance. The schedule for **September 2026** shall be coordinated separately with the concerned School Heads.

School	Date of Conduct	Participants
Potol Elementary School	August 3, 2026, 9:00A.M.	Kindergarten and Grade 1
Lalo Elementary School	August 4, 2026, 9:00A.M.	Kindergarten to Grade 3
North Palale Elementary School	August 5, 2026, 9:00A.M.	Kindergarten to Grade 3
Pandakake Integrated School	August 12, 2026, 9:00A.M.	Kindergarten to Grade 3
Dapdap Integrated School	August 26, 2026, 2:00P.M.	Kindergarten and Grade 1

6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent 

Encl.: As stated

Reference: DepEd Order No. 33 s. 2019
DM No. 469 s. 2026

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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