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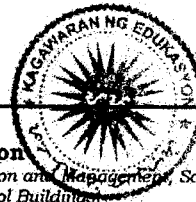
Subject : **2018 SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH FORUM**

The Department of Education through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) shall spearhead the conduct of the DepEd's first School Mental Health Forum, in time for the observance of the National Mental Health Week on the second week of October, and in accord with the World Mental Health Day on October 10, 2018.

This year's Forum shall focus on the theme of the World Mental Health Day 2018: Young People and Mental Health in a Changing World, and shall serve as a venue to discuss recent researches, updates, best practices, issues, and concerns related to mental health, especially in the school context.


Representatives from the following Bureaus/ Divisions are invited to become members of the Forum's Organizing Committee, to be chaired by BLSS-SHD:

1. BLSS-Youth Formation Division
2. Bureau of Curriculum Development- Curriculum Standards Development Division
3. Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development- Employee Welfare Division
4. Planning Service – Policy Research and Development Division
5. Project Management Service- Project Development Division
6. Legal Service (Focal Person for Child Protection)
7. External Partnerships Service
8. External partners of the School Health Division




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To: **Regional Office Chiefs and Unit Heads
 Schools Division Superintendents
 All Others Concerned**

For your information and immediate action.
 Copy furnish Regional Office of the submitted best practices/researches at car@deped.gov.ph.

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BLSS-SHD shall convene the meetings of the Organizing Committee in preparation for the Forum.

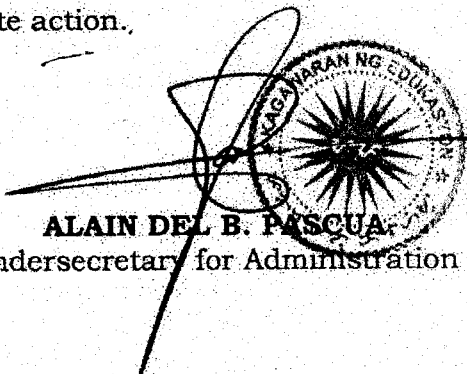
On its first year, the Forum shall also serve as a strategic platform to gather insights from DepEd's stakeholders for the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the recently passed Mental Health Act being drafted by the Task Force where DepEd, through BLSS-SHD, sits as a member, and consequently, for the comprehensive school mental health policy that DepEd shall issue, in consonance with the law and its IRR.

In line with this, all teaching and non-teaching personnel from the Central Office, Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices, and all public schools are invited to submit to BLSS-SHD, on or before September 21, 2018, their documented best practices and completed researches, including action researches, related to mental health, which may be showcased or presented during the Forum.

Those whose researches and documented best practices will be selected by BLSS-SHD to be shared at the Forum will be provided with board and lodging, and financial assistance for their traveling expenses to the venue.

Submission of researches or documented best practices, and other inquiries or concerns related to the Forum may be coordinated with **Mr. Gian Erik Adao**, Education Program Specialist II, at e-mail address schoolmentalhealth@deped.gov.ph (using the Subject Title: Mental Health Forum 2018) or telephone number (02) 632-9935.

For immediate dissemination and appropriate action.


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The signature is a large, stylized cursive scribble in black ink. To its right is a circular official seal of the Department of Education (DepEd) with a starburst design in the center and the text 'DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION' around the perimeter.