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Department of Education

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **139**, s. 2016

**2016 NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH, NATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY
AND WORLD TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
School Divisions Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) will celebrate the **National Teachers' Month (NTM)** from September 5, 2016 to October 5, 2016 which is also the **National Teachers' Day (NTD) and World Teachers' Day (WTD)**. This is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 242 entitled *Declaring the Period from September 5 to October 5 of Every Year as National Teachers' Month*, as well as Republic Act 10743 entitled *Declaring the 5th Day of October of Every Year as the National Teachers Day*, and to the designation of the World Teachers' Day every 5th of October by the United Nations Education and Cultural Organizations (UNESCO).
2. This year's NTM theme is *Guro Kabalikat sa Pagbabago*.
3. The Celebrations aim to:
 - a. honor those who are in the teaching profession;
 - b. acknowledge and give emphasis on the crucial role, loyal service and dedicated commitment of teachers in developing globally-minded citizens, nurturing families, strengthening communities, and building the nation;
 - c. revitalize the image of and respect for teaching as a vocation by increasing public awareness on the value of teachers in the Philippine society;
 - d. take the occasion as an opportunity in building the image of teaching as an attractive and fulfilling profession;
 - e. generate widespread support and assistance for teachers; and
 - f. express gratitude for the positive influences of teachers on Filipino learners.
4. All public and private elementary and secondary schools, including district, division and regional offices are enjoined to follow the synchronized programs, projects and activities (SPPAs). On October 5, school-based celebrations, including the recitation of *A Prayer for Teachers* or *Panalangin Para sa mga Guro* shall be observed.
5. The Central Office shall conduct the NTD and WTD Celebrations on **October 5, 2016** through a whole day program set at the Ateneo de Davao University, Jacinto St., Davao City.
6. All school heads, district supervisors, schools division superintendents (SDS), and regional directors (RDs) are enjoined to actively lead all activities for the NTM, NTD and WTD Celebrations.

7. All schools, school districts, schools division, regional and central offices are required to post streamers with the required logo to ensure that the public is aware of the NTM, NTD and WTD Celebrations. The digital files of the new streamer designs may be downloaded from www.deped.gov.ph/others.

8. In accordance with the SPPAs, all SDSs through the RDs are required to submit the following:

Particular	Deadline
a. Respective plans on NTD and WTD Celebrations, foremost of which is the conduct of their respective culminating activity;	On or before September 2, 2016
b. Names and contact numbers of their respective divisions and regional coordinators for the NTM, NTD and WTD Celebrations; and	
c. Reports on the activities conducted by the schools, school districts/divisions, and regions which shall include clear photos and a comprehensive documentation of the various activities implemented.	October 31, 2016

9. The regional offices shall consolidate these requirements and submit to the External Partnerships Service (EPS) through email address: spapo2012@gmail.com, for coordination and monitoring purposes.

10. All expenses relative to NTM, NTD and WTD Celebration shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

11. Compliance with the abovementioned requirements and the SPPAs for NTM, NTD and WTD shall be strictly monitored by the EPS.

12. Enclosed for ready reference are the following:

- Enclosure No. 1 - Presidential Proclamation No. 242;
- Enclosure No. 2 - Republic Act No. 10743;
- Enclosure No. 3 - Synchronized Programs, Projects and Activities;
- Enclosure No. 4 - Official Streamer Design;
- Enclosure No. 5 - Official Logo Design;
- Enclosure No. 6 - A Prayer for Teachers; and
- Enclosure No. 7 - *Panalangin Para sa mga Guro*.

13. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Special Events Unit-External Partnerships Service (SEU-EPS)**, Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City either at telephone nos. (02) 637-5832; (02) 637-5834 or email at spapo2012@gmail.com.

14. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 99, s. 2015

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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TEACHERS

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 242

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM 05 SEPTEMBER TO 05 OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS "NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH"

WHEREAS, the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated 05 October of every year as "World Teachers' Day," which is a day to celebrate the central role that teachers play in guiding the children, youth and adults through the life-long learning process;

WHEREAS, there is a need to generate widespread awareness and support for World Teachers' Day here in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, it is essential to revitalize the image of teaching as a vocation by increasing public awareness on the value of teachers in Philippine society and national development;

WHEREAS, the occasion can be used to celebrate the unique role and service that teachers play in guiding families, strengthening communities, and building the nation;

WHEREAS, to contribute to the growth and development of the teaching profession in the country as well as to publicly express appreciation to teachers, both active and retired, a Teachers' Month Campaign (TMC) was conceived in July 2008 by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI), De la Salle Philippines (DSLIP), Philippine Business for Education (PBE), and Campaigns Social Response (CSR), with the special participation of the Department of Education (DepEd) and the support of key business institutions;

WHEREAS, owing to its success, the Campaign has generated more support from government, private companies, and major organizations in 2009 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 41 (s. 2010) declared the first Friday of September to 05 October 2010 as National Teachers' Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from 05 September to 05 October of every year as "**National Teachers' Month**."



In this regard, and as recommended by the TMC Steering Committee, I also endorse the recitation of the National Prayer for Teachers (**Annex A**) during the same period.

Accordingly, all concerned departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, the various local government units, the private sector and the public at large are hereby enjoined to actively participate and support activities and programs for the celebration thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 24th day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.



By the President:



PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary



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MANDAING AL. P. ANDAL
DIRECTOR IV
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines

Metro Manila

Sixteenth Congress

Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of July, two thousand fifteen.



[REPUBLIC ACT NO. **10743**]

AN ACT DECLARING THE FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *National Teachers' Day.* – The fifth day of October of every year is hereby declared as the “National Teachers’ Day”.

To ensure a meaningful observance of this special working holiday, all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned and -controlled corporations especially those that are directly dealing with the teachers, including local government units, and employers in the private sector, shall encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their employees to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their offices

or establishments in celebration of the "National Teachers' Day".

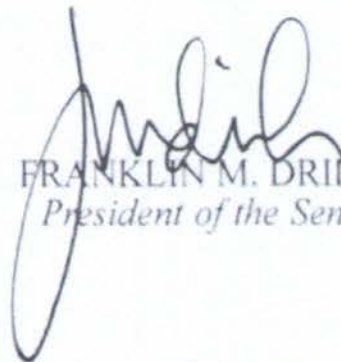
SEC. 2. *Lead Agency.* – Pursuant to the observance of the National Teachers' Day, the annual program of activities shall be prepared and implemented with the Department of Education as the lead agency.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,

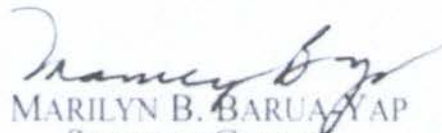


FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.
*Speaker of the House
of Representatives*

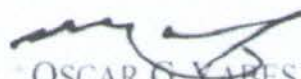


FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

Senate Bill No. 510, which was approved by the Senate on May 13, 2015, was adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 4148 on November 25, 2015.

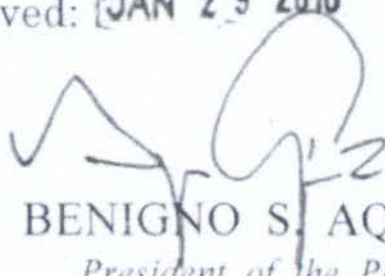


MARILYN B. BARUA YAP
*Secretary General
House of Representatives*



OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved: JAN 29 2016



BENIGNO S. AQUINO III
President of the Philippines



Department of Education
NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH AND WORLD TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION 2016
 SYNCHRONIZED PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES

Programs, projects and Activities	Objectives/description	Person –in-Charge	Involved Individuals or Groups	Time Frame
I. PREPARATIONS				
A. Conduct of Meetings to Plan School-Based Activities	To design school-based activities and plan for its implementation relative to the conduct of the NTM and the WTD celebrations; to organize a school NTM and WTD committee; to secure the support of the school community and school-based organizations for its implementation	School Heads	Alumni Association, PTAs Supreme Student Governments and other School-Based Organizations	August 8-12, 2016
B. Conduct of Meetings to Plan District-led and Division –led activities	To design a set of activities that the district and division shall implement for NTM and WTD; to constitute a District and Division committee for NTM and WTD celebrations; to require the submission of written individual plans of the School Heads relative to NTM and WTD celebrations	District Supervisors and Schools Division Superintendents(SDSS)	Division Personnel District Supervisors All School Heads	August 15-19, 2016
C. Conduct of Meetings to Plan Regional Led Activities	To design a set of activities that the region shall implement for NTM and WTD; to constitute a Regional Committee for NTM and WTD celebrations; to require the submission of written plans of each schools division relative to NTM and WTD celebrations	Regional Directors(RDs)	Regional personnel SDSS	August 22-26, 2016
D. Finalization of Plans	To readjust plans pursuant to the result of the meetings	School Heads, District Supervisors, SDSS and RDs	School, District, Division and Regional NTM and WTD committees	August 29-Sept 01, 2016

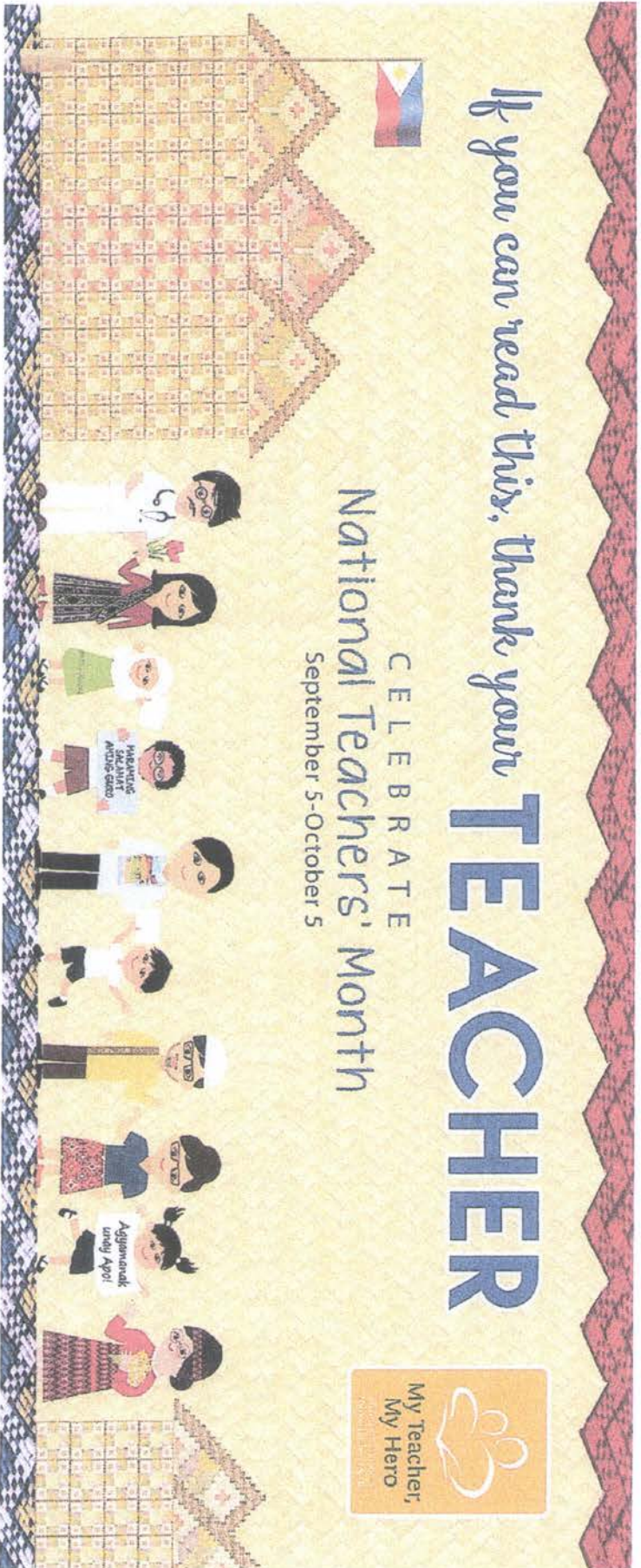
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E. Submission of Plans	The Regional Offices shall consolidate the plans from their divisions along with their own regional plans for the NTM and WTD celebrations to the Central Office c/o Office of Undersecretary for Partnerships and External Linkages.	SDSs and RDS	Division and Regional NTM and WTD committees	September 2, 2016
II. NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH				
A. Say "Thank You"	Everyone who has ever been a student is invited to say THANK YOU to at least one teacher who has made a difference in his or her life. Students can write a letter, send a card, offer a gift, or post a greeting in their facebook accounts.	School Heads	Alumni Association PTAs Supreme Student governments and other school-based organizations	September 5 to October 5, 2016
	The schools, the district, division and regional offices shall write letters enlisting the support of local TV and Radio Stations, anchors, hosts and artists to say THANK YOU to their mentors and teachers in their respective programs	School Heads, District Supervisors, SDSs and RDS	Local TV and Radio stations, anchors, hosts and artists	August to October 5, 2016
B. Information dissemination	Schools shall feature stories or write-ups about their teachers through their school papers, websites and Facebook accounts. They can also submit these write-ups to local newspapers and national broadsheets.	District Supervisors, SDSs and RDS	Filipino and English Campus Editorial Boards, Writers, Local and National Newspapers, School-Based Organizations, Supreme Pupil/student governments, Pupils and Students active in Social Media	August to October 5, 2016

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C. Mobilization of Support	District, Division and Regional Offices shall mobilize the support of the community and commercial establishments in paying tribute to teachers by encouraging them to give discounts , freebies and special treats and promos for the whole month of September until October 5, 2016.	District supervisors, SDSS and RDs	Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, Business Establishments	August to October 5, 2016
D. Posting of Streamers and Announcements	Schools shall hang streamers or post on their main bulletin boards an announcement on the NTM and WTD celebrations for the whole month of September until October 5, 2016.	School Heads	Supreme Pupils/student governments and other School Based Organizations , Private Organizations for solicitations	September 5 to October 5, 2016
	District, Division and Regional Offices shall post tarpaulin streamers following the approved design at conspicuous places within the compound of their offices. They shall also encourage commercial establishments to do the same.	District Supervisors, SDSS and RDs	District, Division and Regional NTM and WTD committees	September 5 to October 5, 2016
E. Conduct of Specific Activities	Schools shall conduct special activities to honor teachers for the month of September, such as contests (on-the-spot poster-making, essay- writing, Thank You card design and text contests, and others) among pupils and students. Cultural performances, especially those expressed using the Mother Tongue, may also be incorporated in the activities.	School Heads	School NTM and WTD Committees, Supreme Pupil/Student Governments, PTAs, Alumni Associations, Sponsors	September 5 to October 5, 2016

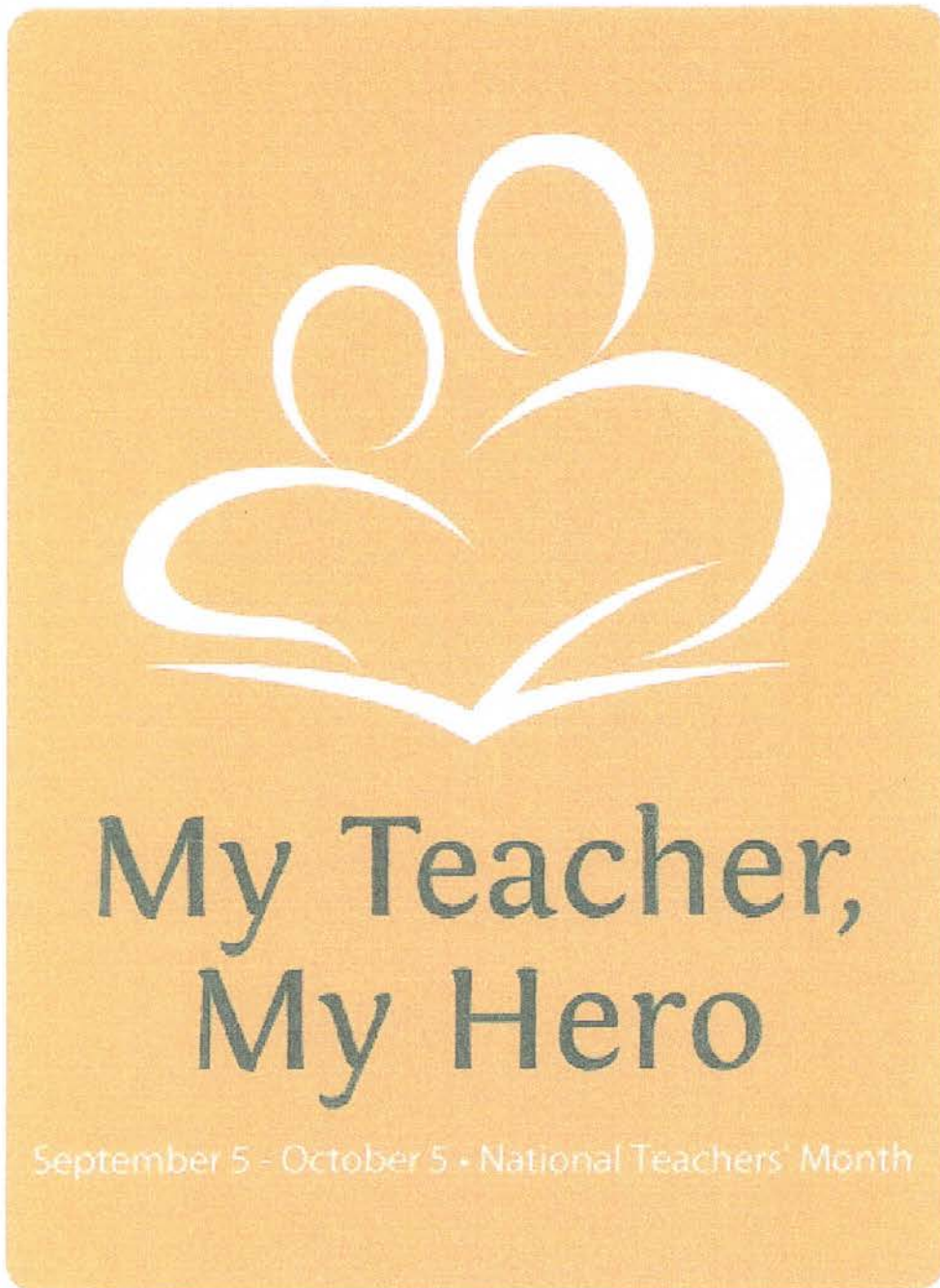
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F. Conduct of Other Activities	Other activities may be held by the school, district, division, and regional offices, which highlight and honor the contributions of the teachers in the society.	School Heads, SDSS and RDS	School, District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	September 5 to October 5, 2016
III. World Teachers' Day				
A. Ringing/Sounding of School Bells	At 10:05 AM, school bells shall be sounded as signal for the synchronized anticipated World Teachers' Day celebration	School Heads	Supreme Pupil/Student Governments and Other school-based organizations	October 5, 2016
B. National Prayer for Teachers	Immediately after the ringing /sounding of school bells, the National Prayer for Teachers, either in Filipino or English, shall be recited. This must also be recited in the district, division, regional, and national celebrations nationwide at exactly 10:05AM	School Heads District Supervisors, SDSS & RDS	Supreme Pupil/Student Governments and Other school-based organizations School, District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 5, 2016

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C. Special Activities for Teachers	All teachers nationwide shall take a break from their classroom duties to give way for special classroom/school programs. Schools may organize Grade VI Pupils and Fourth Year High School Students to handle the classes on behalf of the teachers.	School Heads	Supreme Pupil/Student Governments and Other school-based organizations.	October 5, 2016
D. Religious Activities	Teachers may be provided with free make-over and spa treatments (haircut, facial and foot spa, massage, pedicure, manicure, and other services) from EPP/TLE/VE/STEP students/members or from private sponsors.	School Heads	Alumni Associations, PTAs, Supreme Student Governments, Supreme Pupil Governments, EPP, TLE, VE and STEP Officers and members.	October 5, 2016
		District Supervisors Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 5, 2016
D. Religious Activities	Schools, Districts, Divisions, and Regions may conduct religious ecumenical activities or liturgical celebrations.	School Heads	School NTM and WTD Committees	October 5, 2016
		District Supervisors, Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 5, 2016

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E. Synchronized Culminating Activities	Each District, Division, and Region is REQUIRED to conduct one culminating activity for the teachers on October 5, 2016. This is similar to the Grand World Teachers' Day Celebration organized by DepEd Central Office every year.	District Supervisors, Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 5, 2016
F. Grand World Teachers' Day Event	The Department of Education Central Office organizes the Grand World Teachers' Day celebration (venue and participation to be announced).	DepEd – Central Office with Selected Regions	Teacher- representatives from the different selected regions, DepEd Officials, National Teachers' Month Coordinating Council, Guests, and other Government Officials	October 5, 2016
G. Submission of Reports	Schools and Offices (districts, divisions and regions) shall post their respective reports on the activities conducted pertinent to WTD celebration at www.facebook.com/DepEd.Philippines . Reports shall include clear pictures and a comprehensive documentation. The Regional Offices shall consolidate the reports and shall be submitted to the the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs/ Partnerships and External Linkages – External Partnerships Service, Special Events Unit through spapo2012@gmail.com	School Heads, District Supervisors, SDSs, & RDS	School, District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 6-31, 2016



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A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

Giver of All Wisdom and Greatest of all Teachers,
Look upon our teachers with love
Grant them the resolve
To nurture our eager minds
And to never give up on us who fall behind
Bless their hearts
For they rejoice when we succeed
And encourage us when we fail
Endow them with gentle patience
For the path of learning is never easy
Kindle a spirit of passion in them
It is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us
Help them see the potential in each student
Their belief in us means much more than the grade we make
Instil in them a commitment to keep on learning
It shows us to not fear new knowledge and experiences
Inspire them to touch the future
They influence how big a dream we dream for ourselves
Bless our teachers who have come before
For their work endures to this day
Let the light of Your example shine upon all teachers:
To build up with their words
To love with their mind
To share with their heart
Amen.

PANALANGIN PARA SA MGA GURO

Tagapagkaloob ng Lahat ng Kaalaman at Guro ng mga guro

Bigyan po Ninyo ng pagkalinga ang aming mga guro

Biyayaan Ninyo sila ng kahandaang

Linangin ang aming murang isipan

At huwag magsawa kapag 'di makahabol ang turuan

Pagpalain nawa ang kanilang mga pusong

Nagdiriwang sa tuwing kami'y nagwawagi,

At nag-aalo sa tuwing kami'y nadadaig

Pagkalooban Ninyo sila ng mahinahong pagtitiyaga

Sapagkat ang landas ng kaalaman ay hindi madali

Pagningasin Ninyo sa kanila ang maapoy na diwang

Nagpapaliyab sa kagustuhan naming matuto

Tulongan Ninyo silang makita ang galing sa bawat mag-aaral

Wala sa marka ang halaga kundi sa pananalig nila

Ikintal Ninyo sa kanila ang walang pagkauhaw sa karunungan

At bagong kaalaman at karanasam ay 'di dapat katakutan

Turuan po Ninyo silang masiglang abutin ang alapaap

Kasinsigla at kasintayog ng sarili naming pangarap

Pagpalain po Ninyo ang mga gurong nauna sa amin

Ang nagawa nila ay napapakinabangan pa rin

Tanglawan po ng Inyong mabuting halimbawa ang kaguruan

Upang makapagtayo sila sa pamamagitan ng kanilang pangungusap

Upang makapagmahal sila sa pamamagitan ng kanilang isipan

Upang makapagbahagi sila sa pamamagitan ng kanilang puso

Siya nawa.