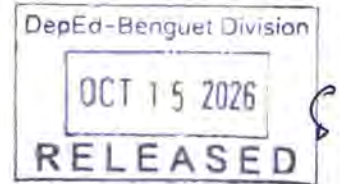




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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF GULAYAN SA PAARALAN (GPP) TO AUGMENT THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL-BASED
FEEDING PROGRAM (SBFP)**

To: School Governance and Operations Division
Public Schools District Supervisors /In-Charge
School Heads of Public Elementary Schools and Secondary Schools Concerned
All Others Concerned

1. In support of the Department of Education's thrust to improve the nutritional status of learners and ensure the sustainability of the **School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP)**, all public elementary and secondary schools in the Division are hereby directed to establish, strengthen, and maintain a **Gulayan sa Paaralan (GPP) as a complementary initiative to augment the implementation of SBFP.**
2. The Gulayan sa Paaralan shall aim to:
 - a. Ensure the continuous availability of fresh vegetables for use in SBFP meal preparation.
 - b. Improve the nutritional intake and dietary diversity of learners, particularly SBFP beneficiaries.
 - c. Reduce food procurement costs through the utilization of school-grown vegetables.
 - d. Promote healthy eating habits, environmental awareness, and agricultural skills among learners; and
 - e. Strengthen partnerships among schools, parents, local government units, and stakeholders in support of school nutrition programs.
3. Schools shall:
 - a. Identify and develop suitable areas within the school premises for vegetable production.
 - b. Cultivate vegetables commonly used in feeding activities, such as pechay, kangkong, mustasa, okra, sitaw, talong, kalabasa, malunggay, and other locally suitable crops.
 - c. Encourage participation of teachers, learners, parents, and community volunteers in garden establishment and maintenance activities.



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- d. Prioritize harvested vegetables for use in the preparation of meals for SBFP beneficiaries.
 - e. Maintain records of planting, harvesting, and utilization of produce; and
 - f. Integrate gardening activities into nutrition education and environmental programs, whenever feasible.
4. Schools may dispose of excess harvests through the school canteen, school-based marketing activities, or other lawful means. All proceeds generated therefrom shall be utilized exclusively for:
- a. Procurement of seeds, seedlings, fertilizers, and garden tools.
 - b. Maintenance and expansion of the school garden.
 - c. Support for nutrition-related and feeding initiatives; and
 - d. Other authorized expenses directly related to the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program.
5. School Heads shall ensure regular monitoring of the Gulayan sa Paaralan and submit annual accomplishment reports to the Schools Division Office through the SGOD and SBFP focal person or to be attached to the school SBFP Program Terminal Report. Reports shall include:
- a. Area developed and cultivated.
 - b. Types and quantity of vegetables planted and harvested.
 - c. Quantity utilized for SBFP.
 - d. Number of learner beneficiaries served; and
 - e. Sustainability initiatives undertaken.
6. Funds for the implementation of this program may be sourced from School Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), partnerships, income generated from surplus harvests, and other lawful sources subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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