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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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ONE-DAY AUTISM 101 WORKSHOP

**To: Assistant Superintendents
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Division Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/OICs
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Heads, Private Elementary and Secondary Schools**

1. The field is hereby informed of the "One-Day Autism 101 Workshop", to be held at Cebu Normal University on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.
2. Education Program Supervisors, Education Program Specialists (ALS), District Supervisors, School Heads and Teachers are invited to attend this workshop. Each district is requested to send at least one (1) SpEd teacher.
3. This workshop aims to provide participants with:
 - a better understanding of the strengths, needs and preferences of children with autism;
 - intervention skills that improve how they interact with children with ASD;
 - techniques to reduce or eliminate challenging behaviors; and
 - strategies and coping skills that they and their children can use daily as they participate in activities at home, school and play.
4. The main speaker/facilitator of this workshop is the former Assistant Superintendent of DepEd Cebu Province, Dr. Nerissa Linell Joie T. Calub, Education Administrator IV of New York City DOE and CEO of Pathways Education Consultancy.
5. For further information, please refer to the attached communication.
6. A registration fee of **One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000)** shall be collected from each participant to cover expenses for two (2) snacks, one (1) lunch, training materials and venue rental. Registration fee, transportation and other related expenses shall be chargeable against **local school MOOE/SEF/PTA or other available sources**, subject to availability and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. This Memorandum serves as participants' Authority to Travel.
8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent

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DR. RHEA MAR A. ANGTUD
Schools Division Superintendent
Division of Cebu Province

Dear Dr. Angtud:

Good morning!

It has been brought to my attention that there has been an increase of children/students in the Philippines who have been classified/suspected to be under the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD.) As a Special Education specialist with extensive trainings from New York University and as an Education Administrator in the New York City Department of Education, I have been so concerned about the lack of education and training among parents and professionals, including educators, who provide care and services to children with ASD. I am also aware that children with autism are just included in the general education setting with no specialized intervention services to help them succeed personally and educationally.


Hence, I have decided to find time during my short vacation in the Philippines to conduct a one-day Autism 101 Workshop to educators and parents to provide them with:

- a better understanding of the strengths, needs and preferences of children with autism
- intervention skills that improve how they interact with the children with an ASD
- techniques to reduce or eliminate challenging behaviors
- strategies and coping skills that they and their children can use daily as they participate in activities at home, school and play.

In view thereof, may I invite teachers and school leaders from the Division of Cebu Province to attend the Autism 101 Workshop on August 12, 2017 / Saturday / 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at Cebu Normal University. Each participant will be assessed a P1,000 (one thousand pesos) workshop fee to cover hall rental, 2 snacks, 1 lunch and materials. Official receipts will be issued to the participants who will navigate a workshop module that encompasses behavioral and educational intervention strategies that would lead to stress-free day-to-day routines in school and at home.

In anticipation for a favorable action on this matter, please accept our heartfelt appreciation.

Respectfully,


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