



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
Region IX, Zamboanga Peninsula  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NOROCC  
Dipolog City 7100



MEMORANDUM

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To: Public Schools District Supervisors  
Elementary/Secondary School Principals

From: The Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Subject: SUBMISSION OF REPORT OF ACTIVITIES ON THE OBSERVANCE  
OF THE "2018 WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY"

Date : August 7, 2018

1. Republic Act No. 6759 declared August 1 of every year as "White Cane Safety Day" with the theme for this year's celebration, "*Puting Baston: Simbolo sa Pagkilala ng Talento at Kasanayan ng Mga May Kapansanan sa Paningin*".
2. The celebration will commence with the activities celebrating Sight Saving Month in August. The activities aim to:
  - a. serve as vehicle of information on the continuing development of programs implemented through partnerships between public and private sectors to realize the rights and fundamental freedom of people who are blind and with low vision;
  - b. promote recognition and acceptance of the white cane as a symbol of mobility and safety for people who are blind and with low vision, and;
  - c. strengthen and protect the physical, moral and social well-being of people who are blind and low vision.
3. The following activities are hereby suggested to be undertaken by all implementing schools of SPED program:
  - a. showcasing of talents of blind and low vision learners,
  - b. sharing information on the best practices in education for the visually impaired by inviting blind learners, educators and other professionals as resource persons,
  - c. holding symposia, fora, workshops, panel discussions and sports, arts and cultural activities relevant to the prevention and rehabilitation of blindness, and
  - d. holding academic contests in Braille reading and writing, quiz bee, and other activities which highlight the talents, skills and rights of the visually impaired learners.
4. The schools can select appropriate activities which can be conducted at the school and are relevant to the theme of this year's celebration. However, all activities to be undertaken should not disrupt classes nor compromise their supervision pursuant to DepEd Order No. s. 2005 entitled **Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith**.
4. Relative to this, all implementing schools and centers of Special Education (SPED) program of this division shall submit reports on the conduct of activities in celebrating the "White Cane Safety Day" which include pictorials through the email address [zarcelita@yahoo.com](mailto:zarcelita@yahoo.com) on or before August 31, 2018 to this office for submission to the regional and central office using the template below :
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.