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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE MASS DRUG ADMINISTRATION (MDA) / DEWORMING PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC HEALTH AND SAFETY INITIATIVES

In compliance with the directives from the DepEd Regional Office III and in light of the ongoing investigation surrounding the recent student casualty in Cavite, this Office announces the **immediate and temporary suspension of the Mass Drug Administration (MDA) / School-Based Deworming Program** across all public elementary and secondary schools in the Division of Bataan.

All school heads, health personnel, and deworming program focal persons are strictly advised to **hold all deworming activities** until an official advisory, investigation results, and a formal statement are released by the DepEd Central Office.

All districts are directed to closely monitor learners who have recently received deworming medication. School health personnel must **immediately document and report any adverse effects, allergic reactions, or untoward incidents** occurring during and after deworming to the Division Health and Nutrition Section for proper medical assessment and consolidation.

To maintain public trust and prevent unnecessary panic, confusion, or controversy, all personnel are strongly urged to **refrain from sharing, posting, or commenting on unverified statements or speculative reports** on social media and other public platforms regarding the incident.

Anticipating potential stigma from the community and resistance from school officials, teachers, and parents, school health personnel and educators are directed to pivot their focus toward strengthening other essential school health services. All schools shall actively promote and intensify awareness campaigns on the following areas:

- a. **prevention of waterborne diseases:** ensuring clean water supply and proper hygiene practices to prevent diarrhea, typhoid, and other water-related illnesses;



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- b. disaster preparedness and safety in schools:** strengthening emergency response protocols and securing school environments; and
- c. learner nutrition:** sustaining feeding programs and educating learners on proper dietary habits.

Attached herewith is the SDO-Bataan Deworming Program Status Report. (*See Annex A.*)

For strict compliance, immediate dissemination, and guidance of all concerned.

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