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**OUA MEMO 00-0321-0118**  
**MEMORANDUM**  
11 March 2021

For: **Regional Directors**  
**Schools Division Superintendents**  
**Secondary School Principals**  
**All Others Concerned**

Subject: **ONLINE SURVEY TO EVALUATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF**  
**THE WEEKLY IRON WITH FOLIC ACID (WIFA)**  
**SUPPLEMENTATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Iron deficiency anemia (IDA) is a widespread nutritional disorder around the globe. The exact toll of iron deficiency and anemia lies hidden in the statistics of overall death rates, maternal hemorrhage, reduced school performance, and lowered productivity (WHO, 2019). To address the devastating health and productivity consequences of IDA, the Department of Education (DepEd) in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH) implemented the Weekly Iron with Folic Acid (WIFA) Supplementation for Female Adolescent Learners in Public High Schools in 2018. This is in accordance with DepEd Order No. 59, s. 2017 which bears the guidelines for the said program.

To identify the facilitating factors and barriers that affected program implementation in School Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, as well as recognize best practices and innovative strategies developed by the schools to improve program implementation, the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) hereby disseminates the online survey titled *Making Girl Learners Fit for School, Fit for Life: A Program Evaluation Study on the DepEd – DOH WIFA Supplementation in Public High Schools*. This is for the provision of research-based recommendations in aid of policy and program design.

In this regard, Secondary School Administrators, assisted by School Nurses and/or designated WIFA Coordinators, are requested to fill up the questionnaire at <http://bit.ly/DepEdDOHWIFASupplementationinPublicHighSchools> on or before 31 March 2021. Only one submission per secondary school is expected.



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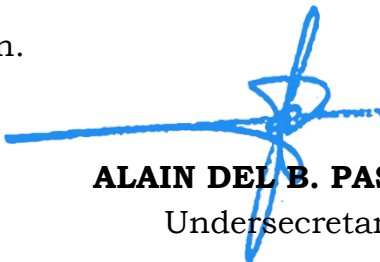



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For immediate and appropriate action.

  
  
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