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Region XII
Schools Division Office of Tacurong City

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**PROJECT DANE: DENTAL ASSESSMENT, NURTURING, AND ESSENTIAL CARE
FOR HEALTHY SMILES**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, Curriculum Implementation and
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Cluster Head
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This Division

1. Pursuant to the DepEd Order No. 41, s. 2020 entitled "*Guidelines on the Implementation of the School Dental Health Care Program (SDHCP)*", the Schools Division Office of Tacurong City launches **Project DANE (Dental Assessment, Nurturing, and Essential Care for Healthy Smiles)**.
2. The project aims to improve the oral health status of learners and personnel through comprehensive school-based dental services, including oral health assessment, preventive interventions, basic dental treatment, oral health education, and referral to appropriate health facilities when necessary. Good oral health contributes to improved nutrition, school attendance, learning outcomes, and overall quality of life.
3. Project DANE aims to:
 - a. Conduct dental assessments to identify learners with oral health concerns;
 - b. Provide preventive dental services and oral health promotion activities;
 - c. Deliver basic dental treatment, such as oral prophylaxis, fluoride application, atraumatic restorative treatment (ART), simple tooth extraction, tooth restoration, and other services within the scope of school dental personnel, subject to parental consent;
 - d. Strengthen oral health awareness and healthy oral hygiene practices among learners;
 - e. Facilitate referral and follow-up of learners requiring specialized dental management; and
 - f. Promote collaboration among schools, parents, local government units, and health partners in improving learners' oral health.
4. Project DANE shall be implemented in all public elementary and secondary schools within the Schools Division Office of Tacurong City. Priority shall be given to learners identified during the Learners' Health Assessment and Screening (LHAS) and those requiring immediate dental intervention.



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5. The implementation shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- Dental Assessment and Oral Examination;
- Oral Health Education Sessions;
- Toothbrushing and Proper Oral Hygiene Demonstrations;
- Oral Prophylaxis (Dental Cleaning);
- Fluoride Varnish/Application, when available;
- Tooth Restoration, when applicable;
- Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART), when applicable;
- Simple Tooth Extraction for indicated cases with signed parental consent;
- Referral of complicated dental cases to partner health facilities;
- Monitoring, documentation, and follow-up of treated learners.

6. The implementation of Project Dane will start on August 2026.

7. Widest dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.

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