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**Division Letter**

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To : Head of Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Division Office Personnel

From : **Office of the Schools Division Superintendent**

Subject : **Letter from the Office of Francisco T. Duque III, Secretary of Health**

, Date : January 26, 2018

Enclosed is a copy of the letter of Francisco T. Duque III, MD, MSc, Secretary, Department of Health dated December 20, 2017 relative to the issues /concerns on the dengue vaccine DENGVAXIA.

You are directed to discuss the content of this letter to parents, teachers and other stakeholders.

For strict compliance.

**LEONARDO D. ZAPANTA, Ed.D., CESO VI**  
Officer – In – Charge  
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Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

December 20, 2017

Dear beloved parents,

In a press release dated November 29, 2017, Sanofi Pasteur provided an update on their latest findings regarding the efficacy and safety of their dengue vaccine *Dengvaxia*. The Department of Health (DOH) recognizes that this announcement has caused worries, fear and confusion to everyone, most especially you, the parents. Hence, we are writing with the hope that we address your concerns and harmonize our efforts to ensure the safety of your children.

The DOH is implementing *heightened monitoring and surveillance* of all vaccinated children. We have completed the masterlist of children who were given the vaccine. We have also coordinated with the Department of Education and health centers to closely monitor them so that at any point that they may need medical attention and/or assistance due to possible dengue infection following vaccination, health services from both government and private facilities will be available and accessible. The cost of hospitalization will be covered by the DOH through PhilHealth as long as you present the immunization card of your vaccinated child. In the event that you have already lost the immunization card, DOH will be providing you a new one.

There is no absolute protection from dengue. Hence, we enjoin the community and the parents to implement our strategy, **4S Kontra Dengue**:

- *Search and destroy breeding areas,*
- *Self-protection measures,*
- *Seek early consultation,*
- *Say yes to selective fogging.*

We advise you to likewise strengthen the immune system of your child/children by giving nutritious and healthy food, maintaining good personal hygiene, and cleanliness of surroundings.

We appeal to you to be vigilant. Check with your local health centers to ensure that the name of child/children is in the masterlist and consult with your local health center or doctor for any early signs of dengue infection. For more information or any dengue-related concerns, you may reach us thru our dengue hotlines.

Rest assured, the DOH is doing its best to address your dengue-related concerns by employing measures to prevent dengue and providing health services available at any given time of need.

We are one with you in ensuring the safety of your children.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francisco T. Duque III".

**FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III, MD, MSc**  
Secretary of Health