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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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To : Public and Private Kindergarten, Elementary and Secondary School Heads

Subject : **MANDATORY USE OF LEAD-SAFE PAINTS IN SCHOOLS**

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1. The Schools Division Office reiterates DepEd Order (DO) No. 4, s. 2017 entitled Mandatory Use of Lead-Safe Paints in Schools, in reference to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order (AO) 2013-24 or the Chemical Control Order (CCO) for Lead and Lead Compounds, and the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) The People's Right to Chemical Safety: A Fifteen-Point Human Rights Agenda and to strengthen DepEd Memorandum NO. 85, S. 2016 entitled Use of Lead-Free Paint in Schools, the use of lead-safe coatings or paints only shall be mandatory in all pre-school, elementary and secondary schools in anticipation of the phase-out deadline for lead-added architectural, decorative and household paints by January 1, 2017.
2. Lead is one of the identified toxic and regulated chemicals that pose hazards and risks to human health and the environment from use, management, disposal and subsequent releases of their wastes and exposure. DENR AO 2013-24 establishes 90 parts per million (ppm) as threshold limit for lead in paint used as pigment, drying agent or for some intentional use.
3. Use of lead-safe paints shall reduce children's exposure to toxic lead via lead-containing paint and dust, thus, avoiding adverse health impacts including learning disabilities, anemia and disorders in coordination, visual, spatial, and language skills.
4. In line with this, the use of independently certified lead-safe paints or coatings shall be mandatory in all painting and repainting works of: a. school facilities; i. buildings such as classrooms, toilets, library, clinic, offices; ii. Amenities such as playground, covered court, and the like; iii. Other structures such as gate, fence, and the like; b. Furniture such as tables, chairs and cabinets; c. Fixtures such as blackboards; d. Learning materials such as teaching aids, school supplies, and toys; and e. Tools and equipment.

