

## Random Drug Testing Notification

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Dear Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_,

The Department of Education (DepEd) has always strived to provide our children with a learning environment that is child-friendly, gender-sensitive, safe, and motivating, allowing them to learn and take the steps toward fulfilling their potential.

Part of ensuring that the students' environment remains conducive to learning is being attuned to current realities. It is against this backdrop that the DepEd has implemented a Preventive Drug Education Program, pursuant to Section 36 (c) of Article III of RA 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

Apart from integrating relevant topics in the curriculum, one component of the Preventive Drug Education program is the random drug testing to be conducted among secondary students. The purposes of the random drug testing are:

- To determine the prevalence of drug users among students;
- To assess the effectiveness of school-based and community-based prevention programs;
- To deter the use of illegal drugs;
- To facilitate the rehabilitation of drug users and dependents; and
- To strengthen the collaboration efforts of identified agencies against the use of illegal drugs and in the rehabilitation of drug users and dependents.

We wish to assure you that should your child be randomly selected for this activity, the results of his/her test will remain strictly confidential. Moreover, the results of the random drug testing to be conducted will not be grounds for any form of punishment to a student found to have tested positive. The activity will be facilitated by the Department of Health and conducted by duly accredited drug-testing laboratories. The random drug testing to be conducted will entail no cost on the part of the students or the parents.

The DepEd recently issued DO 40, s. 2017, Guidelines for the Conduct of Random Drug Testing in Public and Private Secondary Schools. We have also attached an information sheet on how the random drug testing will be conducted among randomly selected students.

We understand that you may have concerns or questions regarding this activity. As such, we have organized an assembly for all parents on (insert schedule). Alternatively, you may reach us at (insert phone) for your questions.

We look forward to having a dialogue with you on this matter, should you have lingering concerns. Rest assured, we are placing the students' safety and integrity at the forefront of this activity and that everyone will be treated with respect and care.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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(Name and Signature of Principal/Drug Testing Coordinator)

### Acknowledgment

This is to acknowledge receipt of the notification on Random Drug Testing to be conducted among secondary students.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Returned