ECCD COUNCIL ADVISORY NO. 3, SERIES OF 2023

FOR:	**Provincial Governors**
	City/Municipal Mayors
ATTENTION:	**Local Social Welfare and Development Officers**
	ECCD Focal Officers
DATE:	**July 21, 2023**
SUBJECT:	**Guidelines for the Opening of Classes and Calendar of Activities**
	for School Year 2023-2024

The ECCD Council, in partnership with Local Government Units, continues to encourage *all children aged 0 to 4-years-old* to be enrolled in Early Learning Programs that provide and support the holistic development of children. The following are guidelines to ensure the implementation of quality Early Learning Programs:

1. It is highly recommended that Child Development Centers (CDCs) and National Child Development Centers (NCDCs) start School Year 2023 - 2024 on **September 4, 2023** and end on **July 5, 2024**. Specific center activities shall also be implemented as indicated in the Suggested Calendar of Activities for SY 2023-2024 (See Attachment). Private Learning Centers (PLCs) may adopt the recommended calendar.

2. In order to smoothly implement Early Learning Programs, it is recommended that CDC/NCDC/PLC conduct a Parent Orientation. This shall include, but not limited to, the following: (a) Program Goals and Objectives; (b) Calendar of Activities; (c) Schedule of Classes; and (d) Center Rules and Regulations.

3. In preparation for the opening of classes, it is highly encouraged to conduct the *Bayanihang Bulilit* to gather stakeholders in the community to engage in activities such as the refurbishment of the center ensuring that the facility is prepared to conduct early learning programs.

4. As a preventive measure against COVID-19 and other diseases, it is strongly encouraged that the minimum health and safety protocols be consistently observed in the CDC/NCDC/PLC.

On the basis of their assessment, LGUs may choose alternate forms of learning delivery taking into account particular circumstances for center access, health emergencies, and other emergencies.

For your information and guidance.

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SUGGESTED CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR SY 2023-2024

MONTH		ACTIVITY	NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS
AUGUST 2023	August 18	Parent Orientation	August 21: Ninoy Aquino Day
	August 22-25	Bayanihang Bulilit	August 28: National Heroes Day
SEPTEMBER 2023	September 4	Start of Classes	
OCTOBER 2023	October 2-6	First Assessment Week for: • Infant Toddler Early Development (ITED) Program • Pre-Kindergarten Programs	October 5: World Teachers' Day
	October 16-20	Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs) for ITED and Pre-K	
NOVEMBER 2023			November 1: All Saint's Day November 2: All Soul's Day November 30: Bonifacio Day
DECEMBER 2023	December 15	Last Day of Classes before Year-end Break	December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary December 30: Rizal Day
	December 16 - January 2	Year-end Break	
JANUARY 2024	January 3	Resumption of Classes	January 1: New Year's Day
	January 8-12	Second Assessment Week for ITED Program	
	January 22-27	Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs) for ITED	
FEBRUARY 2024			February 25: EDSA Anniversary
MARCH 2024	March 25-29	Holy Week	March 28: Maundy Thursday March 29: Good Friday March 30: Black Saturday
APRIL 2024	April 1	Resumption of Classes	April 2: World Autism Awareness Day April 9: Day of Valor April 10: Eid'l Fitr
	April 15-19	Third Assessment for ITED Program Second Assessment Week for Pre-Kindergarten	
	April 29-May 3	Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs) for ITED and Pre-K	
MAY 2024			May 1: Labor Day
JUNE 2024			June 12: Independence Day June 17: Eid'l Adha
JULY 2024	July 5	End of classes	
	July 8-12	Moving up	
	July 15-19	End of Year Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs)	

* National and local holidays shall be observed.
** Follow-up assessments shall be conducted based on the results of the administration of the ECCD Checklist.
*** Regular classes are observed during Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs).

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