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DIVISION MEMORANDUMNo. 455 S. 2019**2019 NATIONAL READING MONTH**

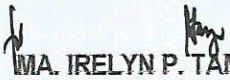
To : **Heads of Public Elementary and High Schools**
All Division Personnel

1. The Department of Education, (DepEd) is committed to provide quality, accessible, relevant, and liberating basic education for all, and to lay the foundation for lifelong learning and service for the common good.
2. The Department shall spearhead the nationwide celebration of the **2019 National Reading Month, (NRM)** this November to promote love for reading, and to celebrate the diversity of learners and culture through reading.
3. This year's theme is ***Magbasa't Umunlad***. All schools are enjoined to hold activities for elementary and secondary learners listed in the enclosure no 1 of DepEd Memo No. 158 s. 2019. In addition, this division will hold the Search for the Best Reading Corner and Best Bulletin Board. Judging will be on **December 2-6, 2019**.
4. The NRM shall culminate with the nationwide synchronized story reading time on November 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Philippine Standard Time, (PST). November 27 of every year has been declared by Republic Act No. 10556 as "*Araw ng Pagbasa*" which shall be a regular working holiday, to be celebrated in all elementary and secondary schools in the country.
5. Likewise, school administrators, division chiefs and other DepEd officials are directed to join the nationwide story reading before a group of learners in their own schools. Local government officials and other stakeholders may be invited to participate in this activity.
6. However, it should be emphasized that the school activities during the celebration of the NRM must not disrupt the contact time between the teachers and learners as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9 s. 2005 entitled **Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance**.

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7. Pictorials and narrative reports of the activities during the celebration are expected to be submitted by the School English Focal Persons to District English Coordinators for elementary while high schools shall submit theirs to the Junior/ Senior English Coordinators for consolidation on Dec. 6, 2019

8. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is earnestly desired.


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