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FROM: 
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Undersecretary

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SUBJECT: *Virtual Research O'clock on Learning Continuity*

DATE: June 29, 2020

Since 2018, the Department of Education (DepEd) through the Planning Service - Policy Research and Development Division has been conducting Research O'clock, a research dissemination forum that aims to promote the use of research results and evidence in decision-making, program designing and implementation, and plan formulation and adjustment in the basic education sector. This research forum has been convening educators, researchers, program implementers, and policymakers to discuss education issues and provide valuable inputs for future relevant actions. The forum also serves as a venue for policy feedback from field implementers.

Last February, DepEd Memorandum 24, s. 2020 was issued which lays down the Research O'clock themes and topics which were aligned to support the directives of the *Sulong EduKalidad*, a national campaign that aims to consolidate the efforts of all stakeholders to raise the quality of basic education in the country.

However, with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department faces the challenge of ensuring continuity of learning during this public health emergency. As a response, the Department developed the Basic Education - Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP) which lays down systematic and collaborative strategies to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic to basic education.

In support of the implementation of the BE-LCP, a *Virtual Research O'clock* will be conducted in July and August 2020 where presentations are focused on the principles of continuing education in emergencies while sustaining the quality of learning delivery. The Virtual Research O'clock aims

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to ensure that discussions on the potential challenges in the implementation of the BE-LCP should be continued. This regular discussion shall engage stakeholders and shall support the DepEd Management's decision-making in relation to maintaining the quality of education while protecting the health and safety of learners and personnel during the pandemic.

The indicative schedules and topics are provided in the enclosure.

For more information, please contact the Planning Service - Policy Research and Development Division through email at ps.prd@deped.gov.ph or telephone no. (02) 8635-3976.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Office Memorandum is desired.





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Enclosure 1: Details of Virtual Research O'clock

- A. **Indicative schedule and topics.** The table below contains the indicative schedule and topics for the succeeding Virtual Research O'clock sessions:

Date and Time		Topic
July 15, 2020	9:00 AM- 11:00 AM	Exploring distance learning delivery modalities
July 22, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Inclusion and Distance Learning
July 29, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Increasing psychosocial support to learners during distance learning
August 5, 2020	9:00 AM- 11:00 AM	Examining psychosocial and professional support to teachers
August 12, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Engaging households in distance learning

B. **Audience Engagement**

Questions or comments from the participants relative to the topic shall be gathered from the comments section during the live stream of the forum through DepEd Philippines Facebook Page.

C. **Communications**

Announcements relative to the Virtual Research O'clock will be posted in the DepEd official social media account and through DepEd's Newsletter.

D. **Indicative Program**

Time	Activity / Session	In-charge / Presenter
9:00 - 9:10 AM	Introduction Objective of the activity Reminders	Moderator
9:11 - 9:15 AM	Welcome Message	DepEd
9:16 - 9:20 AM	Introduction of Resource Speakers and Sharers	Moderator
9:21 - 9:40 AM	Presentation 1	Presenter 1
9:41 - 10:00 AM	Presentation 2	Presenter 2
10:00 - 10:10 AM	Sharing / Reaction 1	Reactor 1
10:11 - 10:20 AM	Sharing / Reaction 2	Reactor 2
10:20 - 10: 50 AM	Open Forum	Moderator and Presenters
10:50 - 11:00 AM	Synthesis and Closing	Moderator