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**FROM :** *EPIMACO DENISING III*  
Undersecretary and Chief-of-Staff  
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**SUBJECT :** **CREATION OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE FORMULATION OF NATIONAL READING PROGRAM (NRP)**

**DATE :** October 6, 2022

The DepEd recognizes the importance of literacy development among learners as it plays a crucial role in knowledge formation and academic achievement. This is the reason behind the many reading programs and literacy interventions in place across the country. However, Filipino learners continue to exhibit unsatisfactory reading proficiency as evidenced by the recurrence of low scores in the English and Filipino sections of the Grade 10 National Achievement Test (NAT), the reading scores of the 2018 regional PISA or Programme for International Student Assessment and the results of the 2019 Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics or SEA-PLM.

The dismal reading performance of Filipino learners in both local and international large-scale assessments and continuous reports of illiteracy raise the need to develop a National Reading Program (NRP), which will streamline all existing programs and present an enhanced effort to develop learners' literacy skills. To effectively carry out this initiative, a technical working group (TWG) shall be created composed of the following:

**Chair :** Director Jocelyn DR Andaya  
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The TWG is expected to:

- gather effective international, national and locally initiated reading programs and interventions which will be used as reference models in the formulation of NRP;
- formulate National Reading Program (NRP) based on existing evidence and other considerations;
- develop national implementation plan for the National Reading Program;
- identify possible partners that can assist the Department craft the program, track the progress, implement interventions and monitor the reading proficiency levels of the learners;
- create a national database system for reading;
- provide regular update to MANCOM and EXECOM; and
- attend all meetings that will be called for by the TWG Chair.

Members of the TWG shall attend all meetings and workshops that will be called for by Chairperson. Marathon meetings and workshops shall be conducted to speed up the formulation of NRP which is expected to be launched in January 2023.

The TWG may engage external reading experts to provide inputs and advise in crafting the National Reading Program subject to approval of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction.

To support the TWG, the Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD) is hereby designated as the secretariat of the NRP TWG and is expected to perform the following functions:

- document all TWG meetings and prepare minutes of every meeting for circulation to members 2 days after the meeting
- arrange and coordinate the schedule of meetings, venues and other administrative matters
- prepare supplies and materials needed for meetings and workshops
- Provide regular updates on the status of TWG work progress
- perform other functions that may be assigned by the TWG Chair

Expenses that will be incurred by the TWG shall be charged against Flexible Learning Option (FLO) funds subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Travel expenses of TWG members shall be charged against their respective local funds.

For queries and concerns, please coordinate with Ms. Aytte Ferriols, Supervising Education Program Specialist of the BCD through email: [ayette.ferriols@deped.gov.ph](mailto:ayette.ferriols@deped.gov.ph).

For your information and appropriate action.