



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
 National Capital Region



**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**  
 ORD-2024- 011

**TO :** **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

**FROM :** **JOCELYN DR ANDAYA**  
 Director IV

**SUBJECT:** **DROP EVERYTHING AND READ (DEAR) DAY**

**DATE :** **January 11, 2024**

1. This has reference to the Joint Advisory dated January 9, 2023, signed by Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary for Operations and Undersecretary Gina O. Gonong, Curriculum and Teaching relative to the above-captioned activity, scheduled on **January 12, 2024**, and shall continue to be implemented until January 19 and 26, 2024, contents of which are self-explanatory.
2. The activity aims to strengthen foundational, social and other relevant skills necessary to realize the main purpose of basic education delivery which focuses on learners' reading, critical thinking, analytical, and writing skills.
3. In view thereof, Regional Education Program Supervisors from the Curriculum and Learning Management Division shall monitor the conduct of the said activity. Below are the assignments of the CLMD monitors. CID Chiefs shall submit their monitoring report on or before January 16, 2024, (week 1), January 23, 2024 (week 2), January 30, 2024 (week 3) via this link: <http://tinyurl.com/DEAR-MONITORING-REPORTS>. Please see the attached Monitoring tool, for reference.

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4. Consequently, the CLMD and CID Chiefs together with Education Program Supervisors from the regional and schools division offices in all learning areas shall attend the **National Online Orientation on the Implementation of Catch-Up Fridays** scheduled on **January 15, 2024**, via zoom platform via <https://bit.ly/CatchUpFridays> Luzon
5. Immediate Dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.



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**JOINT ADVISORY**  
 January 9, 2024


In line with the implementation of the National Reading Program as an integral component of the National Learning Recovery Program (NLRP), the Department of Education, through the Curriculum and Teaching (CT) Strand, shall implement **Catch-up Fridays**. This initiative is designed to strengthen foundational, social, and other relevant skills necessary to actualize the intent of the basic education curriculum by focusing on the development of the learners' reading, critical thinking, analytical, and writing skills.


In view of the foregoing, all public elementary and secondary schools shall implement the **Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Day** on January 12, 2024 to commence **Catch-Up Fridays**. DEAR shall provide learners with the opportunity to engage in independent silent reading of their preferred material. Teachers are entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that learners actively engage in the reading session, allowing no interruptions during the reading session nor giving of quizzes, as DEAR intends to develop independent silent reading among learners.

DEAR shall continue to be implemented on January 19 and 26, 2024. Simultaneously, on these dates, schools shall organize orientation sessions for teachers and other key stakeholders regarding the implementation of **Catch-Up Fridays**. School heads shall prepare orientation schedules while ensuring that the conduct of DEAR in all classes is not compromised. Therefore, on January 19, while one group of teachers attend the orientation, the other group shall serve as reading facilitators in the DEAR session in the classrooms, and this arrangement shall be reversed on January 26.

For more information, please contact the Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at [ouct@deped.gov.ph](mailto:ouct@deped.gov.ph).

Immediate dissemination of this Advisory is desired.

  
 ATTY. REVBEA A. ESCOBEDO  
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**MEMORANDUM**  
**DM-CT-2024-007**

**TO** : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

**FROM** :   
**GINA O. GORONG**  
Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching

**SUBJECT** : **NATIONAL ONLINE ORIENTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CATCH-UP FRIDAYS**

**Date** : January 9, 2024

1. Aligned with the MATATAG Education Agenda, the Department of Education (DepEd) is set to implement **Catch-Up Fridays** under the National Reading and Mathematics Programs, specifically the *Pagbasa at Pagkuwenta: Pag-asa (P3)*, as critical subprograms of the National Learning Recovery Program stipulated in DepEd Order No. 013, s. 2023.

2. To ensure a seamless implementation of Catch-up Fridays, the Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching will spearhead the **National Online Orientation on the Implementation of Catch-Up Fridays**. The orientation for Luzon is scheduled on January 15, 2024 while that of Visayas and Mindanao will be on January 16, 2024. Please refer to Enclosure No. 1 for the Program Matrix.

3. Participants in the online orientation are CLMD and CID Chiefs together with Education Program Supervisors from the regional and schools division offices in all learning areas. They are expected to log in to the online meeting before 9 am using the link below:

Luzon : [https://bit.ly/CatchUpFridays\\_Luzon](https://bit.ly/CatchUpFridays_Luzon)  
Visayas and Mindanao : [https://bit.ly/CatchUpFridays\\_VisMin](https://bit.ly/CatchUpFridays_VisMin)

4. For inquiries and other concerns, please contact the Office of the Director of the Bureau of Learning Delivery, via telephone number (02) 8637-4346 or 8637-4347 or through email at [blod@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blod@deped.gov.ph).

5. For immediate dissemination and compliance.

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### National Online Orientation on the Implementation of "Catch-Up Fridays"

Program Matrix

January 15, 2024 – Luzon Cluster

January 16, 2024 – Visayas and Mindanao Cluster

#### Objectives:

At the end of the orientation, participants are expected to have a deep understanding on the:

- rationale and fundamentals of the "Catch-Up Fridays";
- critical considerations in operationalizing "Catch-Up Fridays"; and
- ways on how to effectively integrate different learning areas in Catch-Up Fridays.

Time	Activity	Person In-Charge
8:00-8:30 AM	Opening Program	Program Management Team
8:30-9:30 AM	Session 1: <i>Rationale and Fundamentals of Catch-Up Fridays</i>	
9:30-11:45 AM	Session 2: <i>Operationalizing Catch-Up Fridays</i>	
11:45-12:00 NN	Open Forum	Program Management Team
1:00-3:00 PM	Session 3: <i>Integrative Teaching Approach in Catch-Up Fridays</i>	
3:00-3:15 PM	Open Forum	Program Management Team
3:15-3:30 PM	Ways Forward	



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**DROP EVERYTHING AND READ (DEAR) DAY MONITORING REPORT**

DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: **January** \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

1. Number of Schools Implemented the Catch-Up Fridays Day 1:  
Elementary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Learners' Participation: (Number of Learners Attended)  
Baseline: Enrolment

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>No. of Learners Attended</b>
Kinder		
Grade 1		
Grade 2		
Grade 3		
Grade 4		
Grade 5		
Grade 6		
Grade 7		
Grade 8		
Grade 9		
Grade 10		
Grade 11		
Grade 12		
Total		

3. Reading Materials:

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Reading Materials</b>		<b>Remarks</b>
	<b>No. Available Materials</b>	<b>No. of Materials lacking/needed</b>	
Kindergarten			
Grade 1			
Grade 2			
Grade 3			
Grade 4			
Grade 5			
Grade 6			
Grade 7			
Grade 8			
Grade 9			





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Grade 10			
Grade 11			
Grade 12			
Total			

4. Issues, challenges and other concerns encountered.

<b>ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ OTHER CONCERNS</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>

5. Documentation (Photos in Action with Caption)

Prepared by:

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Noted:

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