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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 20 s. 2026

AI-POWERED LITERACY TOOLS TRAINING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MICROSOFT PHILIPPINES

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Aligned with the Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program Act of 2024 and its implementing guidelines, the Department of Education, through the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP) and Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD), in partnership with Microsoft Philippines, will hold the AI-powered Digital Literacy Training on January 17, 2026 (Part A) Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. via Microsoft Townhall.
2. The implementation phase (Part B) of the training shall run from January 26, 2026 and shall continue until the last day of the School Year 2025-2026, with a focused preparation interval, to finalize preparatory activities and curriculum planning, from January 19-23, 2026.
3. Target participants are Grade 7 and 8 English Teachers. The training shall be delivered through learning sessions that demonstrate how Microsoft Reading Coach and Reading Progress can be effectively integrated into classroom instruction. All trained teachers and designated participating schools are strictly required to integrate and adopt the Microsoft Reading Coach and Reading Progress applications into their established reading instruction and remediation activities
4. The participants are required to have an existing laptop with installed and updated MS Teams and with an active Microsoft Office 365 account.
5. Registration is until January 9, 2026 via ***tinyurl.com/AI-PoweredTraining2026***. Training details and link shall be sent to the official DepEd email account of the duly-registered participants.
6. Participants are entitled to vacation service credits in accordance with DepEd Order 13 s. 2024, titled Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers, should activities fall on weekends or holidays.
7. For any questions or clarifications, interested parties may reach the following focal persons:
8. For wide and immediate dissemination.

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Encl.: None
 Reference: DM-OULS-2025-217
 To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
 Under the following subjects:

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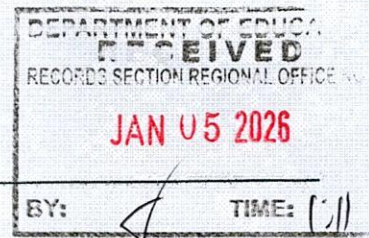


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MEMORANDUM
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TO : Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
School Governance and Operations Division Chief
All Others Concerned

FROM : *Carmela Oracion*
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SUBJECT : **AI-POWERED LITERACY TOOLS TRAINING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MICROSOFT PHILIPPINES**

DATE : **December 22, 2025**

1. Pursuant to Section 4 of Republic Act (RA) No. 12028, or the Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program Act of 2024 and Department Order No. 18, s. 2025, or the Implementing Guidelines of the Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning Program, the Department of Education implements the ARAL program to establish a free and effective national learning intervention aimed at ensuring that all learners who are struggling in their lessons, particularly in reading, mathematics, and science, attain the competencies set by DepEd for their respective grade levels.
2. In line with this commitment, the Department of Education, through the **National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP)** and the **Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD)**, in partnership with **Microsoft Philippines**, will hold the **AI-powered Digital Literacy Training** on **January 17, 2026, Saturday, at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** via Microsoft Teams (MS Teams) Townhall.
3. The training program will be delivered to **select Grade 7 and Grade 8 English Teachers** through learning sessions that demonstrate how Microsoft Reading Coach and Reading Progress can be effectively integrated into classroom instruction.
4. Subsequent to the mandated training sessions on AI-Powered Literacy Training on January 17, 2026, the implementation phase (Part B) shall run from **January 26, 2026, and will continue until the last day of the School Year 2025-2026.** Moreover, focused preparation interval of one week from **January 19 to 23, 2026** shall be formally allocated to enable teachers to finalize preparatory activities and curriculum planning preceding the official launch of the pilot program. Throughout this operational period, **all trained teachers and designated**



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participating schools are strictly required to adopt and integrate the Microsoft Reading Progress and Reading Coach applications into their established reading instruction and remediation activities.

5. Relative to this, eligible participants shall have an existing laptop with installed or updated MS Teams and with an active Microsoft Office 365 account. The required specifications will aid participants in gaining hands-on experience in administering reading practices, tracking fluency, analyzing learner data, and implementing individualized and small-group interventions based on automated reports.
6. All participants are required to register to confirm their participation using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/AI-PoweredTraining2026> until January 09, 2026. Registered participants will receive an email containing the training details and the Town Hall meeting link.
7. The Training Matrix (**Enclosure 1**) and the assigned number of participants from the identified schools in select Schools Division Offices (**Enclosure 2**) are attached for reference and guidance
8. Participants shall be entitled to vacation service credits in accordance with DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2024, titled Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers, should the activities fall on weekends or holidays.
9. For further queries or clarifications, kindly contact NEAP – Professional Development Division via landline at (02) 8715-9919 or email at neap.pdd@deped.gov.ph, or you may reach Audentes Technologies Inc. (Microsoft Training Partner) via email at m.monge@udentestech.com.
10. For immediate dissemination and appropriate action.



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Enclosure 1

TRAINING MATRIX

Venue: MS Teams Townhall
Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

TIME	PROGRAM	PERSON IN CHARGE
7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Preliminaries	Program Management Team
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Reading Coach Basics, Getting Started with Microsoft Reading Progress	Resource Person
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	<i>Health Break</i>	
10:00 AM – 12:00 NN	Aligning Digital Tools with Learning Objectives/ Embedding Reading Coach and Progress Tools into Daily Lessons	Resource Person
12:00 NN – 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Aligning Digital Tools with Learning Objectives/ Embedding Reading Coach and Progress Tools into Daily Lessons <i>(Continuation)</i>	Resource Person
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	<i>Health Break</i>	
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Interpreting Key Metrics in Reading Progress Reports and Creating Flexible Groupings Based on Data	Resource Person
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Submission of Outputs and Closing Program	Program Management Team



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