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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**ADVISORY ON THE OFFERING OF ARAL AS A SUBJECT
 FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

- The Department of Education Regional Office I through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division issues this interim directive that, pending the issuance of the official guidelines on the implementation of the ARAL Program for School Year 2026-2027, the offering of ARAL as a subject across grade levels shall be held in abeyance until further notice.
- In this regard, no teacher shall be assigned an ARAL teaching load or any ARAL-related subject assignment at this time. This is to ensure that the eventual implementation of the program will be guided by clear policy parameters, operational procedures, learner identification mechanisms, scheduling arrangements, resource requirements, and other implementation standards to be provided in the forthcoming guidelines.
- Schools Division Offices and schools are advised to await the official guidelines before including ARAL as a formal subject in class programs, teacher loading, and other school-level implementation documents. This is intended to promote consistency, clarity, and harmonious implementation across all governance levels.
- While awaiting the said guidelines, Schools Division Offices and schools may initiate appropriate reading activities, interventions, or school-based literacy programs to address the identified needs of learners based on the results of the Beginning-of-School-Year assessment.
- For reading-related initiatives, schools may use alternative or other standardized assessment tools and learning materials, as may be appropriate to the reading profiles, grade levels, and learning needs of the learners.
- Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Encl.: None
 Reference: None
 To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
 Under the following subjects:

PROGRAM LITERACY GUIDELINES

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