



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
Region V  
Schools Division of Sorsogon

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November 19, 2019

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 247, s. 2019

**2019 NATIONAL READING MONTH**

To: **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
CID and SGOD Chiefs  
Education Program Supervisors & Division Coordinators  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Secondary and Elementary School Heads  
All Others Concerned**

1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum No. 158, s. 2019, the Department of Education has set the nationwide celebration of the **2019 National Reading Month (NRM)** with the theme *"Magbasa't Umunlad"* this November to promote love for reading. This is in connection with Department's commitment to provide quality, accessible, relevant, and liberating basic education for all and to lay the foundation for lifelong learning and service for the common good.
2. All schools and learning centers are enjoined to hold activities for elementary and secondary learners as listed in Enclosure No. 1 of the aforementioned memorandum. However, schools are encouraged to hold related activities other than those on the list.
3. As November 27 of every year was declared by Republic Act No. 10556 as Araw ng Pagbasa, the NRM shall culminate with the nationwide synchronized story reading time on November 27, 2019, 9:00 a.m. Philippine Standard Time (PST).
4. Furthermore, school administrators, division chiefs and other DepEd officials are directed to join the nationwide story reading before a group of learners in their own schools. Local government officials and other stakeholders may also be invited to participate in this activity.
5. However, it should be emphasized that the school activities during the celebration of the NRM must not disrupt the contact time between the teachers and learners as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time – On – Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.



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6. The photos and narrative reports of the activities conducted during the month- long celebration are expected to be submitted to the Bureau of Learning Delivery – Teaching and Learning Division through Facebook Page <https://fb.me/bldtld> not later than December 15, 2019 while a hardcopy of the said report shall be submitted to the Office of the Curriculum Implementation Division (Attention: Lilia Zita A. Pura, Division Reading Coordinator).
7. For information, guidance and compliance.

  
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