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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.

Immediate dissemination of this Advisory is desired.


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