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SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS/GUIDELINES ON THE STRENGTHENING
OF LOCAL LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCILS
AND LITERACY IMPLEMENTING UNITS

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of DepEd-DILG-NEDA Joint Circular No. 01 dated March 25, 2003 entitled "Supplemental Provisions/Guidelines on the Strengthening of Local Literacy Coordinating Councils and Literacy Implementing Units."

2. This Joint Circular aims to reinforce the efforts in addressing the various literacy concerns in the country and to ensure proper implementation, management and sustainability of these literacy programs and projects.

3. Wide dissemination of and compliance with this Order is directed.


EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS
Secretary

Encl.: As stated

References:

None

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under the following subjects:

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
and
NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**JOINT CIRCULAR NO. 01, series 2003
March 25, 2003**

TO : GOVERNORS, MAYORS, SUPERINTENDENTS AND DISTRICT SUPERVISORS OF SCHOOLS, MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS, AND OTHER NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS/GUIDELINES ON THE STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCILS AND LITERACY IMPLEMENTING UNITS

1.0 COVERAGE

This Circular shall cover all government organizations, local government units and non-government organizations directly or indirectly involved in the strengthening of existing local literacy coordinating councils and implementing units and the further development of regional, provincial, city/municipality, and barangay literacy coordinating councils.

2.0 RATIONALE

This Circular is being issued pursuant to the provisions of the following issuances indicated hereunder:

- 2.1 The mandate as stipulated in Republic Act No. 7165 provides for the creation of the Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC) as an inter-agency policy-making body that oversees and ensures the promotion, dissemination and implementation of its national policy. The Council is composed of eight (8) members, viz.: The Department of Education (DepEd); the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG); the Philippine Information Agency (PIA); the Philippine Normal University (PNU); the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA); the Philippine Senate; the Philippine House of Representatives; and the Non-Government Organization (NGO) sector.
- 2.2 The directive specified under Administrative Order No. 324 is as follows: *"Mandating All Concerned Government Agencies and Local Government Units to Adopt the Literacy Coordinating Council Blueprint for Action as Framework or Guideline in Developing Policies and Implementing Programs and Projects Related to Literacy."*

- 2.3 Memorandum Circular No. 71 entitled *"Strengthening the Resolve to Eradicate Illiteracy by the Year 2000."*

3.0 PURPOSE

This Circular is being issued to all concerned agencies/units to provide supplemental provisions relative to the strengthening of regional, provincial, city, municipal, and barangay literacy coordinating councils and implementing units.

4.0 GENERAL GUIDELINES


- 4.1 To provide a more efficient and efficacious implementation of the Council's goals and objectives and to ensure that various programs and projects are pursued, the local government units and the non-government organization sector shall be encouraged to undertake measures that will further pursue the Council's vision of completely universalizing literacy among its clientele and/or constituents.
- 4.2 To further enhance the mandate of the Literacy Coordinating Council, regional literacy coordinating councils or committees shall be established to provide additional assistance to the national program of the LCC.
- 4.3 To uphold and maintain the progress of the Council, there is a need to vigorously continue the implementation of its programs and projects for the universalization of literacy in various existing local LCC's in the regional, provincial, city, municipal, and barangay levels.
- 4.4 To achieve greater results in the universalization of literacy throughout the country, it is likewise imperative to strengthen literacy implementing units in the provinces, cities, municipalities and baragays that do not have extensive literacy programs.
- 4.5 To further stabilize and mobilize all sectors of society concerning literacy efforts, existing Regional Development Councils and/or Regional Social Development Committees shall take active participation in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of literacy programs/projects in regions particularly those without any existing local literacy councils or implementing units;
- 4.6 In consonance with the directive stipulated under Administrative Order No. 324, this Circular shall henceforth serve as an additional guide for all succeeding actions relative to the strengthening of existing regional, provincial, city, municipal and barangay literacy coordinating councils and implementing units.


5.0 RESOLUTION OF ISSUES

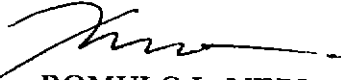
Issues and conflicts arising from the implementation of this Circular, and cases not covered by the above provisions shall be submitted to the National Literacy Coordinating Council for resolution in consultation with the Department of Education, the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the National Economic and Development Authority.

6.0 EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect immediately.


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