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**CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS
OF LAWS AND RULES ON THE PROVISION OF TEXTBOOKS AND LEARNING
RESOURCES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. The provision of learning resources is crucial in the successful implementation of the K to 12 Basic Education Program. It has been observed that laws, issuances, and agency practice have imposed rigidities or lengthened processes that cause major delays in the selection, manuscript development, printing, and delivery of textbooks and learning resources.

2. To ensure that learning resources of good quality for use in public schools nationwide are provided in a timely and adequate manner, a Technical Working Group (TWG) is created to review the effectiveness of laws, rules, and regulations governing the development and selection, the evaluation of content, and the procurement and delivery of textbooks (TXs) and learning resources (LRs).

3. The following is the composition of the Technical Working Group:

	Name	Office / Designation
Chairperson	Diosdado M. San Antonio	Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction
Members	Atty. Nepomuceno A. Malaluan	Chief of Staff and Undersecretary
	Atty. Josephine G. Maribojoc	Undersecretary for Legal Affairs
	Atty. Tonisito M. C. Umali, Esq.	Undersecretary for Legislative Affairs, Partnerships, and Project Management and Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) III
	Atty. Salvador C. Malana III	Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Administration
	Alma Ruby C. Torio	Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Instruction
	Edel B. Carag	Director III and Officer in Charge, Office of the Director IV, Bureau of Learning Resources
	Jocelyn DR. Andaya	Director IV, Bureau of Curriculum Development, and President, Association of DepEd Directors
	Leila P. Areola	Director IV, Bureau of Learning Delivery
	Jerry G. Tizon	Executive Director, National Book Development Board
	Jorge M. Reinante	Schools Division Superintendent, Division of Ilocos Sur, and President, Philippine Association of School Superintendents

	Name	Office / Designation
Secretariat	Daisy Asuncion O. Santos	Chief Education Program Specialist
	Besy C. Agamata	Chief Education Program Specialist
	Andrew A. Villarba	Supervising Education Program Specialist
	Ma. Leonor M. Barraquias	Senior Education Program Specialist
	Eric U. Labre	Senior Education Program Specialist
	Peter Tentoco III	Senior Education Program Specialist
	Rowena D. Del Rosario	Senior Technical Assistant III

4. The constituted TWG shall perform the following tasks:
- a. Review the effectiveness of laws, rules, and regulations governing TXs and LRs on the matters concerning:
 - i. Selection and prescribing of TXs and LRs;
 - ii. Providing criteria and standards for the development of TXs and LRs, and evaluation of off-the-shelf TXs and LRs; and
 - iii. Procurement for the development, printing, and delivery of textbooks.
 - b. Suggest/recommend strategies and propose amendments to existing laws, rules, and regulations governing TXs and LRs;
 - c. Conduct an interface workshop to establish a harmonized terms of reference (TORs) among Curriculum and Instruction Bureaus on TXs and LRs;
 - d. Formulate strategies in providing alternative text-based learning resources in cases that TXs could not be delivered as targeted; and
 - e. Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Order, or as the Secretary may direct.
5. The TWG may engage the services of external consultants to assist in the analysis and crafting of recommendations.
6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order are directed.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
 Secretary

Encl.: N o n e

Reference: N o n e

To be indicated in the Peretual Index
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