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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**INTEGRATION OF WEST PHILIPPINE SEA TOPICS IN THE ARLING PANLIPUNAN
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES CURRICULUM**

To: **Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned**

- The In line with the Department of Education's mandate to promote nationalism, strengthen learners' understanding of Philippine sovereignty, and enhance critical awareness of contemporary national issues, this Office through the Curriculum and Learning management Division (CLMD) hereby directs the integration of topics related to the West Philippine Sea (WPS) into the Araling Panlipunan and Social Sciences curriculum across grades 4 to 12.
- The integration aims to:
 - develop learners' understanding of the geographical, historical, political, and economic significance of the West Philippine Sea;
 - promote awareness of Philippine sovereignty and territorial integrity;
 - enhance critical thinking and informed citizenship among learners; and
 - align discussions with existing curriculum competencies and learning standards.
- The following key topics shall be contextualized and integrated:
 - Geographic location and features of the West Philippine Sea;
 - Historical background of territorial claims;
 - International laws and agreements (e.g., UNCLOS, arbitral ruling);
 - Economic and environmental importance (fisheries, marine biodiversity, natural resources);
 - Contemporary issues and developments; and
 - Roles of government agencies and citizens in protecting national sovereignty.
- Integration shall be done without adding separate subjects but by embedding the topics in existing learning competencies in Araling Panlipunan Grades 4 to 10 and Social Sciences Grades 11 to 12, particularly in: Geography and territorial studies; Philippine history; Economics and resource management; and Contemporary issues and governance.
- Terms of Reference (TOR):

Key Actors	Roles and Responsibilities
Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lead the overall implementation and provide policy guidance on the integration of WPS topics;Develop and disseminate contextualized learning resources and exemplars;



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