

ADVOCACY OF THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY AGAINST ILLITERACY

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The DepEd Order No. 32 s. 2020 provides for the mechanisms, procedures, and standards that shall guide all DepEd offices, schools and stakeholders in the recruitment, selection, and engagement of learning sustenance assistants in all public elementary and secondary schools with the senior high schools in SY 2020- 2021. The implemented DepEd order has been imposed to give a significant step forward in dealing with illiteracy in the locality. Implementing this kind of order is beneficial in pursuing advocacy to literate every citizen of the nation. Identifying and giving way to eradicating illiteracy is significant in playing a vital role in transforming students into socially engaged citizens; being able to read and write means keeping up with current events, communicating effectively, and understanding the issues that are shaping the community.

The various programs and DepEd order that the Department of Education has implemented aims to eradicate illiteracy and make everyone literate. Being literate enables us to be knowledgeable, aware, and understand the happenings, situations, and how to deal with any issue and challenges. Literacy is beneficial in work, status, education, and position in society. As the schools are in stepping forward to raise awareness and execution of varied programs to deal with illiteracy, this can help all students practice being literate citizens of the community. The education system has been pursuing that it must be starting in schools to shape students as literate people because students play a significant role in eradicating illiteracy. The students are responsible for ensuring they are engaged in the learning process and ensuring that they become enlightened to help others come out of illiteracy.

Breaking and eradicating the existence of illiteracy and improving self-esteem is crucial for every citizen in helping to develop the community. The concept and use of being literate are significant to them, enabling them to become economically productive and independent. They also become empowered and can take control of their lives. Becoming literate can vastly improve economic opportunities, increases self-esteem and empowerment, provides measurable benefits for health and safety, and strengthens one's relationships and civic engagement. Literate citizens are a crucial factor to a community's success in different aspects in life.

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