



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SIARGAO




DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. **04-098** s. 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID and SGOD Chiefs
Division Journalism Coordinators
PSDS/District In Charge
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
School Paper Advisers
All Others Concerned

SIARGAO DIVISION OFFICIAL DELEGATES TO THE 2026 NATIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (NSPC)

1. This is to inform the field of the Official Delegates of the SDO Siargao to the National Schools Press Conference (NSPC) which will be held on April 13-17, 2026 at Ormoc City per RM No. 0310, series 2026 re: Participation of Caraga Region to 2026 National Schools Press Conference.
2. In the enclosure is the list of the official delegation composed of the official qualifier for Editorial Cartooning (English-Elem Category); for the Elementary and Secondary (English & Filipino Category) School Paper Contest; and the Other Official Delegates from the Division Office.
3. Expenses incurred relative to the participation in this activity shall be charged against MOOE/SEF/Journalism/Local Fund, subject to government auditing rules and regulations.
4. Widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


MANUEL O. CABERTE
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: As stated

Reference: As stated

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Enclosure

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1. Sheiraya Brice D. Lasala	Learner-contestant	Socorro CES
2. Irish E. Besas	Teacher-coach	Socorro CES
3. Edgar R. Gorgonio, Jr.	SPA of School Paper for contest	Sta. Fe NHS
4. Jhovelyn Tarro	SPA of School Paper for contest	Malinao ES
5. Camille E. Martel-Congreso	SPA of School Paper for contest	Siargao Nat'l Science HS
6. Glenalyn F. Garcitos	SPA of School Paper for contest	Consuelo ES
7. Jerson Consistente	SPA of School Paper for contest	GL Central ES
8. Melanie Ortojan	SPA of School Paper for contest	GL Central ES
9. Dharyl Jan B. Loffe	SPA of School Paper for contest	Libertad ES
10. Laiza May A. Lampad	SPA of School Paper for contest	Socorro NHS
11. Lauris Marx N. Congreso	SPA of School Paper for contest	Siargao Nat'l Science HS
12. Marites T. Penera	EPS - English	SDO-CID
13. Randy A. Rudila	EPS - Filipino	SDO-CID
14. Manuel O. Caberte	SDS	SDO

Approved:


MANUEL O. CABERTE
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0310, s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private School Heads
All Others Concerned

PARTICIPATION OF CARAGA REGION TO THE 2026 NATIONAL
SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (NSPC)

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order (DO) No. 94, s. 1992, titled Promulgating the Rules and Regulations Necessary for the Effective Implementation of Republic Act (RA) No. 7079, Otherwise Known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, the Department of Education (DepEd) shall sponsor periodic press conferences to be held at the institutional, divisional, and regional levels, culminating in the holding of the annual national elementary and secondary schools press conferences in places of historical and cultural interest in the country.
2. Accordingly, DepEd, through the Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD), announces the conduct of the 2026 National Schools Press Conference (NSPC) with the theme, Mapanuri, Mapanindigan, at Mapanagutang Pamamahayag (Critical, Principled, and Accountable Journalism).
3. The 2026 NSPC is aligned with the mandate of RA 10533, or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013, to establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people, the country, and society at large. The 2026 NSPC also responds to the Department's commitment to foster the holistic development of Filipino learners. It incorporates the 21st-century skills that learners continuously develop as they progress in the basic education program. These standards and skills are manifested in diverse journalistic experiences across print, broadcast, and new media.
4. The 2026 NSPC, scheduled on April 13–17, 2026 (exclusive of travel time), will be hosted by DepEd Region VIII together with the DepEd Division of Ormoc City.
5. The billeting quarter of Caraga region delegation is at New Ormoc National High School, Ormoc, Leyte.
6. The primary objectives of the 2026 NSPC are as follows:
 - a. demonstrate understanding of journalism through skillful execution across various platforms (e.g., print, broadcast, online);
 - b. recognize the role of journalism in advocating for social consciousness and environmental awareness;
 - c. promote the fair and ethical use of media as a tenet of responsible journalism;



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- d. foster camaraderie and enrich learning experiences through healthy and friendly competitions; and
 - e. provide learners with the opportunity to apply the skills learned in campus journalism toward their future careers.
7. The 2026 NSPC activities shall include the following:
- a. Individual Contests (English and Filipino, Elementary and Secondary)
 - i. News Writing
 - ii. Feature Writing
 - iii. Editorial Writing
 - iv. Sports Writing
 - v. Copyediting and Headline Writing
 - vi. Science and Technology Writing
 - vii. Photojournalism
 - viii. Editorial Cartooning
 - ix. Column Writing
 - x. Mobile Journalism (exhibition for secondary level only)
 - b. Group Contests
 - i. Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting (English and Filipino, Elementary and Secondary)
 - ii. Collaborative Desktop Publishing (English and Filipino, Elementary and Secondary)
 - iii. Online Publishing (English and Filipino, secondary only)
 - iv. Television (TV) Scriptwriting and Broadcasting (English and Filipino, secondary only)
 - c. Exhibit of Best Regional School Papers
 - d. Awarding of Outstanding School Paper Advisers (SPAs) and Campus Journalists (CJs)

8. Recognizing and respecting intellectual property rights, DepEd adheres to rules concerning plagiarism. Also, artificial intelligence (AI)-generated content cannot be submitted as the participant's sole work. The participant remains responsible for all ideas, analysis, and conclusions. Thus, participants whose articles and/or outputs are found to be plagiarized shall be disqualified based on the decision of the Board of Judges. Such a decision shall be final and irrevocable.

9. The official regional delegation in the NSPC consists of the the first-place winners of the individual contests in the 2026 RSPC, the first-place winners in the Collaborative Desktop Publishing and Online Publishing contests along with their coaches; and the Best Composite Teams in Radio and TV Broadcasting (both English and Filipino categories), with their respective team coaches. In addition, to the campus journalists and coaches, the full list of NSPC official delegates is provided in the attached enclosures.



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10. The delegates are expected to arrive at the venue on April 12, 2026. The first meal will be dinner on April 12, 2026, and the last meal will be the afternoon snacks on April 17, 2026.

11. Advisers of the top five overall winning school papers may attend the Conference, provided they cover their own travel and related expenses, either through personal funds or subsidies extended by their respective schools or local government units. Their participation must be approved by the region through a travel authority, and the host region will provide them with a certificate of appearance.

12. For TV Scriptwriting and Broadcasting contestants, an orientation will be conducted on April 12, 2026. Details of the venue will be relayed through the regional supervisor in charge of campus journalism one week before the orientation.

13. Travel and incidental expenses incurred by official delegates shall be covered by the school's maintenance and/or other operating expenses, local/regional funds, special education fund, or the school campus journalism fund, and other applicable sources. However, travel expenses of learner-participants shall be subsidized by the Central Office and charged against the 2026 Development and Promotion of Campus Journalism (DPCJ) funds, subject to the usual accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations.

14. Any excess funds in the allocated budget may be used for other campus journalism-related expenses. However, if the downloaded funds are insufficient to cover the subsidized travel expenses of the 2026 NSPC learner-participants, available local funds or other alternative sources may be utilized, following government accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations.

15. Attendance of Schools Division Superintendents, Assistant Schools Division superintendents, chiefs of the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), other Division Focal Persons in Journalism, In charge for The Best School Paper Exhibit Booth, School heads, and other school/division/regional personnel in the 2026 NSPC, shall be regarded as official business. However, they shall be responsible for making arrangements for their travel, meals, and board and lodging for the whole duration of their stay in Ormoc, Leyte.

16. Non-team coaches of the Radio and TV Scriptwriting and Broadcasting composite team members, as well as school paper advisers whose publications won at the regional level, may attend the 2026 National Schools Press Conference (NSPC). Their attendance shall be regarded as official business, subject to the approval of the Schools Division Superintendent and the issuance of a regional travel authority.

17. Attendees shall arrange their own travel, meals, and accommodations for the duration of the 2026 NSPC in Ormoc, Leyte (Region VIII). Expenses may be charged



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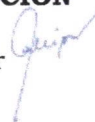
to school/division/regional MOOE, local/regional funds, the Special Education Fund, the School Campus Journalism Fund, subsidies from schools or Local Government Units, or other applicable sources. Participation must not impair other official activities. The host region shall issue a certificate of appearance. All eligible expenses shall remain subject to government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

18. Attached as enclosures are DepEd MEMORANDUM No. 021, s. 2026 for the 2026 NSPC Implementing Guidelines for reference.

19. Immediate dissemination of the Memorandum is desired.

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