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Department of Education
REGION IV- A CALABARZON
CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. **533** s. 2026

12TH DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Heads, Public and Private Elementary Schools
Heads, Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

1. As part of the division's efforts to promote functional literacy articulated in the Division's Journalism Program dubbed **JourNEY** (Journalism Enhancement for the Youth), and in preparation to the **Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC)** and **Reconfigured Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC)**, this Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), announces the **12th Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC)** with the theme: **"Press Forward: Igniting Young Minds For Ethical and Innovative Journalism"** on **September 12 - 13, 2026** at **Buenaventura Alandy National High School, Tayabas City**.
2. The conduct of the DSPC is pursuant to **Republic Act (RA) No. 7079**, otherwise known as the **Campus Journalism Act of 1991**, and in support to DepEd Order No. 47, s. 2010, entitled Guidelines on Financial Subsidy for the Conduct of the National Schools Press Conference (NSPC), its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) specifically Rule IX of Section 1.
3. The Conference aims to:
 - a. demonstrate understanding of the importance of journalism by expressing it through different journalistic endeavors and approaches;
 - b. sustain advocacy on social consciousness;
 - c. provide a venue for an enriching learning experience for students interested in pursuing journalism as a career;
 - d. promote responsible journalism and fair ethical use of social media; and
 - e. enhance journalistic competence through healthy and friendly competitions.
4. The Conference activities shall include the following:
 - a. Individual Contests (News, Editorial, Column, Editorial Cartooning, Features, Science, Sports, Photojournalism, Copyreading and Headline Writing, and Copy Editing);
 - b. Collaborative Desktop Publishing (CDP) Contests;
 - c. Scriptwriting and Radio Broadcasting Contests;
 - d. Scriptwriting and TV Broadcasting Contests (Secondary Only)
 - e. Online Publishing (Secondary Only)

- f. Mobile Journalism (Secondary Only); and
- g. School Paper Category.

5. The Department of Education (DepEd) is a staunch advocate of smart, creative and original expression of thoughts and ideas. The Department respects Intellectual Property Rights and adheres to the rule of law concerning plagiarism. Any printed or online publication found to have copied and published texts, graphics and other materials, without duly acknowledging their sources, will be disqualified from the competition. The disqualification covers all sections of the school paper whether they are published in print or electronic copy.

6. In order to clarify issues and concerns regarding the conduct of the Schools Conferences, School Paper Advisers, are advised to refer to the implementing guidelines stipulated in DepEd Order No. 47, s. 2010. The Guidelines of the Individual and Group Contests are stipulated in DepEd Memorandum No. 9, s. 2014. Any violation of the stipulated guidelines is subject to disqualification.

7. All participating schools shall follow the "No School Paper, No Students Contestant Policy". Schools which have collected journalism or subscription fees from their students shall submit school paper entries.

8. Students in the elementary and secondary (both junior and senior high schools) from public and private schools are eligible to join the contests. A maximum of two (2) entries per category in both individual and group categories are allowed. Here are the registration links of contestants:

A. Elementary: <https://tinyurl.com/12thDSPCElem>

B. Secondary: <https://tinyurl.com/12thDSPCsec>

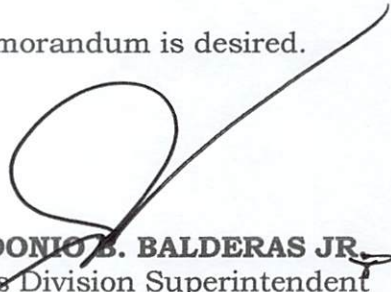
9. There will be a **P 400.00 CONTRIBUTION FEE** which may be charged to journalism/ publication contribution, PTA collection, alumni donation, canteen fund, stakeholders' grant and other local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures. This will be used for the honoraria, board and lodging and transportation of judges, supplies and other related expenses.

10. All school delegation heads must be responsible not only for the food, supplies, equipment and transportation of their Campus Journalists (CJs)/ students but also for their safety and security all throughout the DSPC. Thus, the parents' permit together with the schools' official list of participants duly signed by the school principal must be presented to the registration committee during the contest.

11. To ensure a smooth and orderly conduct of the 12th DSPC, the Division Association of School Paper Advisers (DASPA) Officers and members of the Division Technical Working Group (DTWG) are expected to be in Buenaventura Alandy National High School on **September 11, 2026** to prepare the Coded Contest sheets and Judge's questionnaires, fact sheets and other print and broadcast media equipment.

12. School Paper Advisers shall attend the Orientation Meeting/ Briefing and pre-registration on **September 03, 2026** at **3:00 PM** at Tayabas West Central School 1.

13. A separate DSPC pre-planning Activity shall be conducted on **September 09, 2026 at 3:00 PM** to be participated by DASPA Officers only on the same venue.
14. The host school is also requested to prepare the venue, stage, sound system, and accommodation, sound system, ICT (TV, projectors and white screens) contest rooms, medical and security.
15. Attached are the Lists of DASPA Officers (Enclosure 1) and Members of the Division Technical Working Group (Enclosure 2) including the Core Committees and Proctors (Enclosure 3).
16. Top 3 Winners in random order in Individual Categories and Top 1 Winner in Group Categories will be announced. They will participate in the Reconfigured Regional Schools Press Conference - Journalism Camp on December 2026 which will serve as first round for the RSPC.
17. DASPA Officers and Coaches shall have a review meeting/ RSPC Planning on **September 15, 2026 at 3:00 PM** at Tayabas West Central School I.
18. The division technical working group and the participants shall adhere to the minimum health and safety protocols implemented by the Department of Health (DOH).
19. There will be a medical checkup of DSPC Winners on a date and venue to be announced by the Medical Team.
20. Teaching and non-teaching personnel are entitled of Vacation Service Credits (VSC)/ Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) whichever is applicable, for authorized work beyond regular hours, performing duties on weekends, holidays, or special activities in accordance with DepEd policies and applicable Civil Service Commission (CSC) guidelines.
21. Food, travel and other incidental expenses relative to this activity shall be charged against the school's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), journalism contribution, PTA collection, alumni donation, canteen fund and other local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures and regulations.
22. All inquiries may be addressed to **Luzviminda Cynthia Richelle F. Quintero** and **Dr. Christian J. Bables**, Education Program Supervisors, of the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) through the tel. no. (042) 785 - 9615 local 107.
23. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


CELEDONIO B. BALDERAS JR.
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: As stated

Reference: RA No. 7079
DO No. 47, s. 2010

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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Enclosure 1

**DIVISION ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PAPER ADVISERS
(DASPA) OFFICERS**

POSITION	OFFICERS
President	Jerico Nanez
Vice Presidents:	Aileen Panganiban (Sec) Violeta Bunzo (Elem)
Secretaries:	Gesselle Cambia (Sec) Shiela May Balamban (Elem)
Treasurers:	Lourine Guinto (Sec) Kim Suello (Elem)
Auditors:	Hazel Malto (Sec) Christine Cabuyao (Elem)
Representatives:	
Private Schools	
	Monica Cabalsa (TayPriSA-SJBC) – Sec Mark Jeric Vejerano (TayPriSA-SJBC)- Elem
SPJ Coordinators – Secondary	
	Nerissa Pasatiempo (Dapdap IS-Sec) Mara Loida Lavado (WPHS) Alfonso Mabuting (LPIHS)
SPJ Coordinators – Elementary	
	Kristine Plasuelo (WPES) Jeric Cabriga (TECS) Jasmin Flores (Dapdap IS-Elem) Charlyn Amparo (CJQUES)

Enclosure 2

**DIVISION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
CORE COMMITTEES**

COMMITTEE	NAMES	SCHOOL
Registration Form, Program & Tarpaulin	Shiela May M. Balamban	Froilan E. Lopez Elementary School
Medals & Judge's Concern during DSPC	Jeric L. Cabriga	Tayabas East Central School
Finance	Kim Rose Suelo	Tayabas East Central School
	Lourine Guinto	Luis Palad Integrated High School
Certificates	Shiela May M. Balamban	Froilan E. Lopez Elementary School
	Geselle Cambia	Luis Palad Integrated High School
	Monica Cabalsa	Saint John Bosco College - Sec
	Mark Jeric Vejerano	Saint John Bosco College - Elem
Contest Sheets, Supplies & Logistics	Violeta Bunzo	South Palale ES
	Kristine Plasuelo	West Palale ES
	Aileen Panganiban	Calumpang Integrated School
Contest Materials, Videos & Fact Sheets	John Carlo C. Ortega Alfonso V. Mabuting	Luis Palad Integrated High School
Food, Transportation, LGU Sounds System, CENRO RP & Judge's Hotel Accommodation	Jerico M. Nañez	Tayabas West CS 1
Sports Exhibition for News & Collab DP	Janeth Ella Allysa Joy Gigantoni	BANHS
DRRM RP, Records & Results	Hazel Malto	Luis Palad Integrated High School
	Christine Cabuyao	Tayabas West CS 1
Photo/ Video Documentation	Garry S. Villaverde	Buenaventura Alandy National High School
Emcees – Opening	Aivy Mae Sanchez	Buenaventura Alandy National High School
	Miguel Geneblazon	Buenaventura Alandy National High School
Emcees – Awarding	Violeta Bunzo	South Palale ES
	Marcos Palma, JR.	Calumpang Integrated School

Enclosure 3

**DIVISION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
LIST OF PROCTORS**

CATEGORY	NAMES		SCHOOL
News Writing	Head Proctor 1:	Jhojealene T. Romano	Calumpang Integrated School
	Proctor 2 (Elementary):	Janice Suello	Luis Palad Integrated High School
	Proctor 3 (Secondary):	Princess P. Subeldia	Tayabas East Central School
Copyreading and Headline Writing	Head Proctor 1:	Jefferson V. Amparo	Luis Palad Integrated High School
	Proctor 2 (Elementary):	Maricar U. Francia	Dapdap IS
	Proctor 3 (Secondary):	John Benedict M. Aguerra	Ilasan Integrated School
Editorial Writing	Head Proctor 1:	Jasmin Flores	Dapdap IS
	Proctor 2 (Elementary):	Marah Lloyd A. Lavado	West Palale National High School
	Proctor 3 (Secondary):	Maria Lyra Tabernilla	Tayabas East Central School
Editorial Cartooning	Head Proctor 1:	Jeric L. Cabriga	Tayabas East Central School
	Proctor 2 (Elementary):	Gee Ann Joy R. Cabuyao	Luis Palad Integrated High School
	Proctor 3 (Secondary):	Arianne Pabelonia	Calumpang IS
Column Writing	Head Proctor 1:	Elaine B. Ablaña	Ipilan-Alitao Elementary School
	Proctor 2 (Elementary):	Niel Orven Talavera	Luis Palad Integrated High School
	Proctor 3 (Secondary):	Marie Jo Pandapatan	Tayabas East Central School
Science Writing	Head Proctor 1:	Vivian Castillo	Calumpang IS
	Proctor 2 (Elementary):	Shiela P. Reyes	WPNHS
	Proctor 3 (Secondary):	Marielle Cabañero	TWCS1
Feature Writing	Head Proctor 1:	Jenny Rose P. Cabalsa	Katigan-Alupay Elementary School
	Proctor 2	Marcos Palma, Jr.	Calumpang IS

	(Elementary):		
	Proctor 3 (Secondary):	Jeanie C. Salvatierra	TWCS 1
Sports Writing	Head Proctor 1:	Arcedel Pagana	Calumpang IS
	Proctor 2 (Elementary):	Joel M. Bregondo Jr.	Calumpang IS
	Proctor 3 (Secondary):	Reniel C. Ranillo	Tayabas West Central School IV
Photojournalism	Head Proctor 1:	Marielle Rea	Dapdap Integrated School
	Proctor 2 (Elementary):	Suzette P. Mabunga	Luis Palad Integrated High School
	Proctor 3 (Secondary):	Lhalaine M. De Torres	Tayabas East Central School
Mobile Journalism	Head Proctor 1:	Mariz M. Rozol	Ilasan Integrated School
	Proctor 2 (Secondary):	Angelique G. Talisic	West Palale National High School
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Collaborative and Desktop Publishing	Head Proctor 1:	Gisselle Tolentino	Luis Palad Integrated HS
	Proctor 2 (Elementary):	Jarnel Cabalsa	WPNHS
	Proctor 3 (Secondary):	Marilyn D. Permalino	TWCS 1
TV Broadcasting and Scriptwriting	Head Proctor 1:	Aileen B. Panganiban	Calumpang Integrated School
	Proctor 2 (Secondary):	Shierley Olar Alcantara	Buenaventura Alandy National High School
Radio Broadcasting and Scriptwriting	Head Proctor 1:	Joyce Renneth M. Cabañas	Tayabas East Central School
	Proctor 2 (Elementary):	Jerson Anareta	Dapdap IS
	Proctor 3 (Secondary):	Rosella Llorin	Calumpang Integrated School
Online Publishing	Head Proctor 1:	Almira A. Barquilla	Rosario Quesada Integrated National High School
	Proctor 2 (Secondary):	Edmar G. Rada	Buenaventura Alandy National High School