



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

REGION IV- A CALABARZON  
CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. 731 s. 2025

**11TH 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 **Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC)**, this Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), announces the **11th Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC)** on **November 11 – 12, 2025** at **St. John Bosco College of Tayabas, Inc.**

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:

- demonstrate understanding of the importance of journalism by expressing it through different journalistic endeavors and approaches;
- sustain advocacy on social consciousness;
- provide a venue for an enriching learning experience for students interested in pursuing journalism as a career;
- promote responsible journalism and fair ethical use of social media; and
- enhance journalistic competence through healthy and friendly competitions.

4. The Conference activities shall include the following:

- Individual Contests (News, Editorial, Column, Editorial Cartooning, Features, Science, Sports, Photojournalism, Copyreading and Headline Writing, and Copy Editing);
- Collaborative Desktop Publishing (CDP) Contests;
- Scriptwriting and Radio Broadcasting Contests;
- Scriptwriting and TV Broadcasting Contests (Secondary Only);
- Online Publishing (Secondary Only);
- Mobile Journalism (Secondary Only); and
- 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 for 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) levels from public and private schools are eligible to join the contests. A maximum of three (3) entries per category in both individual and group categories are allowed. A link will be provided for the registration of contestants.
9. There will be a **P 400.00 REGISTRATION FEE** which may be charged to local funds, school MOOE, campus journalism fund/ publication fund, PTA fund, and/ or stakeholders' contribution 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 11<sup>th</sup> DSPC, the Division Association of School Paper Advisers (DASPA) Officers and members of the Division Technical Working Group (DTWG) are expected to be in the venue on **November 10, 2025 (Day 0)** for the preparation of the materials while School Paper Advisers (SPAs) shall submit the First Draft of their School Paper on that day at **3:00 PM**.
12. School Paper Advisers shall attend the Orientation Meeting/Briefing and pre-registration on **November 10, 2025 at 3:00 PM** in the same venue.
13. A separate DSPC pre-planning Activity shall be conducted on **November 5, 2025** to be participated by DASPA Officers at a venue to be announced later.
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. Top 3 Winners in random order in Individual Categories and Top 1 Winner in Group Categories will be announced. They will participate in the Regional Capacity Building of Campus Journalists which will serve as the pre-screening stage for the RSPC.
16. DASPA Officers and Coaches shall have a review meeting/ RSPC Planning on **November 18, 2025 at 3:00 PM** at a venue to be announced later.
17. The division technical working group and the participants shall adhere to the minimum health and safety protocols implemented by the Department of Health (DOH).
18. There will be a medical checkup of DSPC Winners on a date and venue to be announced by the Medical Team.
19. Participation shall be subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2015 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*, and DepEd Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governance and Field Operations (OASGFO) Memorandum No. 2022-058 with the subject Request for the Participation of Learners and Teachers in Extra-Curricular Activities.
20. Classes in the venue shall implement Modular Distance Learning (MDL). Subject teachers may provide printed or digitized copies of lessons and activities to their learners.
21. Transportation and other incidental expenses shall be charged against the available school Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), and/or 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.

For:

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Schools Division Superintendent

By:

**HERBERT D. PEREZ**  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Officer-in-Charge

Encl: As stated

References: RA No. 7079

DO No. 47, s. 2010

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
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