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NEGROS ISLAND REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 209 s. 2026

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CORRIGENDUM AND ADDENDUM TO REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 197, S. 2026 (REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (RSPC) 2026)

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Relative to Regional Memorandum No. 197, s. 2026 titled Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) 2026, this Office issues the following corrections and additional information.
2. The activity will be held in Talisay City, Negros Occidental, on the following schedule:
 - a. March 12-14, 2026 – Individual and Group Contests (Elementary Level)
 - b. March 15-17, 2026 – Individual and Group Contests (Secondary Level)
3. The Division Campus Journalism Focal Persons must ensure that all participants have published their school paper (in print/digital/online format) for School Year 2025-2026. They shall take charge of gathering the copy of the school publications of all their RSPC participants and save them either in Google Drive or One Drive (appropriately organized and labelled). The access link to such files must be sent to the Regional Campus Journalism Focal Person through a mechanism to be relayed in the intended group chat.
4. Enclosed are the contest-specific clarifications and additional information. Other updates relative to the conduct of the 2025 RSPC shall be channeled through the official group chat of the Division Campus Journalism Focal Persons.
5. The SDOs must ensure the protection of instructional time by conducting the DSPC after class hours in adherence to DepEd Order No.9 s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.
6. Relative to this issuance, an orientation shall be conducted on February 26, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams. The meeting link will be provided through the Division Campus Journalism Focal Persons.
7. Other provisions of the aforementioned Memorandum still remain in effect.



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8. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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**CONTEST-SPECIFIC CLARIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ON THE CONDUCT OF THE RSPC 2026**

All Group Contests

1. Participants for the group contests are advised to bring their extension cords during the contest proper.
2. Group contest participants must also ensure that their laptops are cleared of unnecessary files prior to checking/submission. Contest-related files (such as sound effects for radio broadcasting or production graphics for TV broadcasting) must be saved in one folder, for easy checking.

Outstanding Campus Journalism

1. Qualifications:
 - a. Must be a bonafide pupil/student
 - b. Must be a member of the school publication

School Paper Contests

1. The four (4) entries per schools division are as follows:
 - a. 1 Elementary-English
 - b. 1 Elementary-Filipino
 - c. 1 Secondary-English
 - d. 1 Secondary-Filipino

**Each entry shall be submitted according to its respective section and placed in the corresponding folder.*

Photojournalism

1. Contestants must bring their own camera cable for uploading and saving pictures.
2. Contestants must take photos in the designated contest area only.

Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting

1. Contestants are **not allowed** to have mobile phones, smart gadgets, and reference materials in the contest area.

Collaborative Desktop Publishing

1. The team will have **four (4) hours** for writing, laying out, editing of articles, and printing. Coverage and data gathering during the mini press conference, pre-game, actual game, and post-conference shall be excluded from the 4-hour time allotment.



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Online Publishing

1. The team will have **four (4) hours** for writing, laying out, and editing articles online after creating an online publication using WORDPRESS (free version). Coverage and data gathering during the mini press conference, pre-game, actual game, and post-conference shall be excluded from the 4-hour time allotment.

TV Scriptwriting & Broadcasting

1. A 30-minute technical orientation followed by a 30-minute simulation broadcast for each division will be conducted a day before the contest.
2. **Four (4) hours** will be allotted for the pre-production (story conference and scriptwriting), actual production (video shooting/recording, infomercial production), post-production (editing), and rehearsal.
3. **Two (2) laptops** are allowed inside the studio: one (1) for use as a substitute for the teleprompter, one (1) for technical application.



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REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (RSPC) 2026

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1. Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 7079, also known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), announces the conduct of the Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) 2026 in Talisay City, Negros Occidental.
2. The RSPC 2026 will be conducted on the following dates:
 - a. March 12-14, 2026 – Individual and Group Contests (Elementary Level)
 - b. March 15-16, 2026 – Individual and Group Contests (Secondary Level)
3. The activity aims to:
 - a. demonstrate understanding of journalism through skillful execution in various platforms (i.e., print, broadcast, online);
 - b. recognize the role of journalism in advocating for social consciousness;
 - c. promote fair and ethical use of media as tenets of responsible journalism;
 - d. foster camaraderie and enrich learning experiences through healthy and friendly competitions; and
 - e. provide learners opportunities to use and showcase the skills learned in campus journalism for their future careers.
4. For the impartial and unbiased selection of contestants to participate in the RSPC, the Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) and District Schools Press Conference (for large and very large schools division offices (SDOs)) must be conducted.
5. The SDOs must ensure the protection of instructional time by conducting the DSPC after class hours in adherence to DepEd Order No.9 s. 2029 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.
6. The authorized RSPC 2026 participants include the following:

Schools Division Office Key Personnel

- Schools Division Superintendents/Assistant Schools Division Superintendents (may attend the opening program)
- Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) Chief Education Supervisors



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• Division Education Program Supervisors In-Charge of Campus Journalism/ Division Campus Journalism Focal Persons		
Contestants and Coaches		
Categories	SDOs/ Reminders	Number of Winners
Individual Categories (English/Filipino)	All SDOs	Top 1 division winner with coach
Group Categories	All SDOs	One team per medium composed of seven (7) members each team, except for online publishing with five (5) members, with their coach
School Paper Category	Only PDF copy must be submitted, no hard copy submission	Top 1 division entry per medium and per section

7. The number of participants from the SDOs was carefully determined based on venue capacity, available financial resources, and the number of technical working group members to ensure the smooth and safe conduct of the activity.
8. The Schools Division Education Program Supervisors In-Charge of Campus Journalism are encouraged to attend this activity to monitor and assist their respective participants and disseminate the guidelines relative to the conduct of the RSPC 2026. They are also expected to ensure that all learner-participants have their parents' permit and that all learner and teacher participants have their respective medical certificates, indicating that they are fit to participate in the activity.
9. Attached are the guidelines for the individual, group, outstanding school papers advisers (SPA), outstanding campus journalists (CJ), and school paper contests.
10. Food, travel, accommodation, and operational expenses of the Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG) shall be charged against the Regional Office Local Funds and Program Support Fund relative to the conduct of the NSPC. Likewise, food, travel, accommodation, and other incidental expenses of the official delegates may be charged to the school's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE)/ local funds, Special Education Fund (SEF), School Campus Journalism Fund and other allowable funds, whichever is applicable, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
10. The teachers involved in the activity are entitled to Service Credits for their services during weekends and holidays but not to exceed 15 days in accordance with



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DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 entitled "Updated Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers." On the other hand, non-teaching personnel shall be provided with Compensatory Time Off (CTO) for their services rendered during the weekends and holidays per Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004 on Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Service Rendered.

11. For inquiries and clarifications, contact Mr. Jose Ernie M. Buelos, Regional Coordinator for Campus Journalism, at mobile no. 09098660176 or email joseernie.buelos@deped.gov.ph.

12. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with the Memorandum are desired.


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