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**Department of Education**  
**NEGROS ISLAND REGION**

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
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**INITIAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS ON THE CONDUCT OF THE 2026  
NATIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (NSPC)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum No. DM-LS-2026-0116 titled Initial Information and Reminders on the Conduct of the 2026 National Schools Press Conference (NSPC).
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
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Regional Director

Encl.: None

Reference: As Stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

under the following subjects:

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JEB/CLMD-RM-Initial Information and Reminders on the Conduct of the 2026 National Schools Press Conference (NSPC)  
March 23, 2026



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**OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR LEARNING SYSTEMS**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DM-LS-2026- 0116**

**TO :** **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
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**FROM :** **CARMELA C. ORACION**  
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**SUBJECT :** **Initial Information and Reminders on the Conduct of the 2026 National Schools Press Conference (NSPC)**

**DATE :** March 16, 2026

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order (DO) No. 94, s. 1992 titled Promulgating the Rules and Regulations Necessary for the Effective Implementation of RA 7079 Otherwise Known as the "Campus Journalism Act of 1991", which stipulates the holding of the annual national elementary and secondary schools press conference, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD) announces the conduct of the **2026 National Schools Press Conference (NSPC)** on from **April 13 to 17, 2026** (exclusive of travel time).
2. The host region for this year's NSPC is Region VIII, with Ormoc City as the host division.
3. Participation is restricted to one event per learner only.
4. The contest categories and qualifiers for the NSPC are as follows:

<b>Categories and Qualifiers</b>	<b>Contests</b>	<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>
Individual Categories (English and Filipino)	News Writing	/	/
	Feature Writing	/	/
Top <b>one</b> regional winner per medium	Editorial Writing	/	/
	Sports Writing	/	/



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	Copyediting and Headline Writing	/	/
	Science and Technology Writing	/	/
	Photojournalism	/	/
	Editorial Cartooning	/	/
	Column Writing	/	/
	Mobile Journalism ( <i>exhibition only</i> )		/
<b>Group Categories</b> (English and Filipino)  <b>One</b> team per medium (Composed of <b>seven</b> members except for Online Publishing which shall have <b>five</b> members)	Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting	/	/
	Collaborative Desktop Publishing	/	/
	Online Publishing		/
	TV Scriptwriting and Broadcasting		/

The campus journalists who won in Copyreading and Headline Writing at the regional level shall be the official contestants in Copyediting and Headline Writing contest for the NSPC.

- Both Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and Regional Offices shall ensure that the schools participating in the Division Schools Press Conference, Regional Schools Press Conference, and NSPC have official school publications.
- The Official Regional Delegation shall have a maximum of **194 participants**. In addition, **four (4)** officers from the National Journalism Association Presidents and Advisers are also considered as official delegates.

Delegates <b>LEARNER-PARTICIPANTS</b>	Number of Delegates		
	<i>Elem.</i>	<i>Sec.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Ranked 1st in nine (9) categories in <b>Individual Contests</b> conducted in two (2) media: English and Filipino	18	18	36



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Ranked 1st in <b>Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting Contests</b> (seven (7) learner-participants in English and seven (7) learner-participants in Filipino)	14	14	28
Ranked 1st in <b>Collaborative Desktop Publishing</b> (seven (7) Campus Journalists (CJs) in English & seven (7) CJs in Filipino)	14	14	28
Ranked 1st in <b>TV Scriptwriting and Broadcasting Contests (for secondary level only)</b> (seven (7) CJs in English & seven (7) CJs in Filipino)	0	14	14
Ranked 1st in <b>Online Publishing Contests (for secondary level only)</b> (five (5) CJs in English & five (5) CJs in Filipino)	0	10	10
Outstanding y	1	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>118</b>	

Delegates	Number of Delegates		
	<i>Elem.</i>	<i>Sec.</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>COACHES/SCHOOL PAPER ADVISERS</b>			
Coaches of Learner-participants in Individual Contests	18	18	36
Coaches of the Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting Team	2	2	4
Coaches of the Collaborative Desktop Publishing Team	2	2	4
Coaches of the TV Scriptwriting and Broadcasting Team	0	4	4
Coaches of Online Publishing Team	0	2	2
School Paper Adviser of Outstanding Campus Journalists	1	1	2
Outstanding School Paper Advisers	1	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>54</b>	

OTHER OFFICIAL DELEGATES	Number of Delegates		
	<i>Elem.</i>	<i>Sec.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Division in-charge of Campus Journalism	7	7	14
Regional Education Program Supervisor in-charge of Campus Journalism	1	1	2



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Presidents of the Regional Association of School Paper Advisers (both elementary and secondary)	1	1	2
Learners Protection Officer		1	1
Curriculum and Learning Management Division Chief		1	1
Assistant Regional Director		1	1
Regional Director		1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>	

**National Journalism Association Presidents and Advisers:**

President of the Philippine Association of Elementary Campus Paper Advisers	Meriam Alug-Macalangcom
President of the National Secondary Press Advisers and Consultancy Inc.	Irlo Dumo
Elementary Editors' Guild of the Philippines	Junar Lasaca
National Secondary Editors' Guild of the Philippines	Maria Aguilar

- The delegates are expected to be at the venue on **April 12, 2026**. The first meal will be dinner on **April 12, 2026**, and the last meal will be afternoon snack on **April 17, 2026**.
- For TV Scriptwriting and Broadcasting contestants, an orientation will be conducted on **April 12, 2026**.
- Regions and SDOs requesting assistance for the participants are advised to coordinate with the Region VIII contact person:  
  
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- For further information and clarifications, all concerned individuals may contact the **Bureau of Curriculum Development** at [bcd.od@deped.gov.ph](mailto:bcd.od@deped.gov.ph) and/or **Curriculum Standards Development Division** at [bcd.csdd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:bcd.csdd@deped.gov.ph).
- Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is directed.