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Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 724, s. 2025

2026 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors/Division Coordinators
Public Schools District Supervisors
Principals/Head Teacher In-Charge of the District
Division/District Campus Journalism Focal Persons
Heads of Public and Private Elementary, Secondary, and Integrated Schools
School Paper Advisers
All Concerned

1. This is to inform the field that the Schools Division of Aklan in coordination with the Regional Association of the School Paper Advisers and Campus Journalist, Inc. will conduct the **2026 Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC)** on January 9-11, 2026 (January 9 – Solidarity and Ocular; January 10, 2026 – Elementary; and January 11, 2026 – Secondary) per Section 1, Rule 2 of RA 7079, also known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991.
2. The theme for this year's Division Schools Press Conference: "**Kabataang may Paninidigan, Isinusulat ang Katotohanan.**"
3. This year's host is the Municipality/District of Numancia. The contest venue is Numancia Integrated School, Poblacion, Numancia, Aklan.
4. The conference aims to:
 - a. promote understanding among campus journalists/participants the importance of journalism by expressing it through different journalistic endeavors;
 - b. provide a venue for an enriching learning experience for pupils and students in pursuing journalism as a career;
 - c. promote responsible and ethical journalism; and
 - d. enhance journalistic competence through healthy and friendly competitions.
5. The participants in these contests may come from public and private elementary, secondary, and integrated schools comprising the district's top 5 winners for the individual categories and top 1 in the group categories and must pre-register online on or before December 23, 2025 through a link that will be provided in the chat group of the District Campus Journalism Focal Person.

6. Participants for the Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting, TV Scriptwriting and Newscasting, and Collaborative Desktop Publishing, one (1) team composed of seven (7) members shall be allowed to participate in every medium. On the other hand, for Online Publishing, one (1) team composed of five (5) members shall be allowed to join in every medium.
7. The following are the contest categories, to wit:
 - a. News Writing and Pagsulat ng Balita
 - b. Editorial Writing and Pagsulat ng Pangulong Tudling
 - c. Feature Writing and Pagsulat ng Lathalain
 - d. Sports Writing and Pagsulat ng Balitang Pampalakasan
 - e. Copyreading and Headline Writing and Pagwawasto ng Sipi at Pag-uulo ng Balita
 - f. Science and Technology Writing and Pagsulat ng Pang-agram at Panteknolohiyang Balita
 - g. Editorial Cartooning and Kartung Pang-editorial
 - h. Photojournalism and Larawang Pampahayagan
 - i. Column Writing and Pagsulat ng Kolum
 - j. Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting (Filipino and English)
 - k. Collaborative Desktop Publishing (Filipino and English)
 - l. Online Publishing (Filipino and English) – Secondary Level only
 - m. TV Script Writing and News Casting (Filipino and English) – Secondary Level only
 - n. School Paper
 - o. Search for the Outstanding Campus Journalist (Elementary and Secondary)
 - p. Search for the Outstanding School Paper Adviser (Elementary and Secondary)
8. For the specific guidelines of the contest categories, please refer to the 2025 National Schools Press Conference (NSPC) Memorandum and localized guidelines approved by the SDS.
9. It is also understood that all the cameras, gadgets, extension cords, laptops and other needed equipment for Photojournalism, Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting, TV Scriptwriting and Newscasting, Collaborative Desktop Publishing, and Online Publishing will be provided by the participating contestant/team.
10. Each participating school is enjoined to submit one (1) soft copy of their school paper of the last school year's (2024-2025) issue or this school year's (2025-2026) first quarter issue with certificate of circulation issued by the School Paper Adviser and attested by the School Head. Deadline of submission of the School Paper and Certificate of Circulation is on January 5, 2026. Only learners from school with school paper (print, digital/electronic publication), either in Filipino or English can participate.
11. The deadline for the submission of the documents for Search for the Outstanding Campus Journalist (Elementary and Secondary) and the Search for the Outstanding School Paper Adviser (Elementary) will be on January 5, 2026. However, the deadline of the School Paper for contest will be on January 10, 2026 until 9:00 a.m. only.

12. There will be a concurrent session and contest on Copyreading and Headline Writing for the new coaches/SPAs. Each district is requested to send 2 participants (1 for Filipino and 1 for English).
13. To ensure the smooth conduct of the 2026 Division Schools Press Conference, there will be a meeting of the Education Program Supervisors In-charge of Campus Journalism, Elementary and Secondary Division/District Campus Journalism Focal Persons, SPAADA officers, Technical Working Group, Working Committee chairpersons and members, and contest directors and facilitators on January 9, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Numancia Integrated School, Poblacion, Numancia, Aklan.
14. A membership fee of One Hundred Pesos Only (Php 100.00) shall be collected from each participating school paper adviser/coach and Fifty Pesos Only (Php 50.00) from each participating campus journalist shall be paid on or before January 5, 2026.
15. Teacher participants and facilitators are entitled to service credits in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 titled: Updated Guidelines on the grants of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers. On the other hand, Non-Teaching personnel including the manager staff shall be provided with Compensatory Time Off (CTO) as per Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Department of Budget (DBM) Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004 on Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Service Rendered.
16. Expenses relative to the conduct of the DSPC, such as but not limited to membership fees, incidental, and transportation expenses of the participants are chargeable against the school MOOE, School Paper Fund, SEF, and other available funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
17. For inquiries regarding the said activities, you may see or call Mr. Marth S. Tropa, Education Program Supervisor In-charge of Campus Journalism, through his FB account, Marth Tropa and Mr. Kurt Gil M. Fuentes, Teacher III, Numacia IS, District of Numancia, District Campus Journalism Focal Person through his FB account, Kurt Gil.
18. Other details of this Memorandum are attached.
19. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


FELICIANO C. BUENAFE JR., CESO VI
Division Schools Superintendent

Enclosures:

- Enclosure No. 1: Schedule of Activities
- Enclosure No. 2: Matrix of Activities
- Enclosure No. 3: Working Committees
- Enclosure No. 4: Contest Directors and Facilitators

References:

RA 7079

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the subjects

CONFERENCES JOURNALISM LEARNERS SCHOOL PAPER

2026 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

January 9-11, 2026
 Numancia Integrated School
 Poblacion, Numancia, Aklan

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Persons-in-charge/Involved
December 23, 2025	Deadline of Pre-registration of Participants	Education Program Supervisors In-charge of Campus Journalism Public Schools District Supervisors/Principals/Head Teacher In-charge of the District Division/DSPC Registration Committee SPAADA District/School CJ Focal Persons School Paper Advisers
December 29, 2025	Orientation on the committee tasks for the Working Committees and Orientation on the Contest Mechanics for Contest Director and Contest Facilitators	-Working Committee -Contest Director -Contest Facilitators
December 30-31, 2025 and January 5-8, 2026	2026 DSPC Preparations	ALL concerned
January 5, 2026	Face-to-face pre-finalization meeting	Division/District CJ Focal Persons
January 9, 2026	Finalization Meeting of Working Committees; Solidarity Meeting and ocular inspection of Contest Directors and Contest Facilitators Checking of Laptop for Collaborative Desktop Publishing – Elementary Level will start at 1:00 p.m.	-Division/DSPC Registration Committee -District/School CJ Focal Persons -School Paper Advisers -Coaches and Collaborative Desktop Publishing Contest Director and Contest Facilitator
January 10, 2026	Contests Awarding Ceremonies – Elementary Deadline of School Paper for Contest until 9:00 a.m.	-Education Program Supervisors In-charge of Campus Journalism -Division/District CJ Focal Persons -SPAADA Program and Awards Committee All other concerned

	Checking of Laptop for Collaborative Desktop Publishing and Online Publishing – Secondary Level will start at 1:00 p.m.	Assigned Committees Awards Committee - Coaches and Collaborative Desktop Publishing and Online Publishing Contest Director and Contest Facilitator
January 11, 2026	Contests Awarding Ceremonies – Secondary	-Education Program Supervisors In-charge of Campus Journalism -Division/District CJ Focal Persons -SPAADA Program and Awards Committee All other concerned Assigned Committees Awards Committee
January 26, 2026	Post Conference	ALL concerned

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MATRIX OF ACTIVITIES

January 9, 2026	
TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00 -5:00	Solidarity Meeting and Venue Preparation
January 10, 2026 (ELEMENTARY)	
7:00-8:00	Photojournalism and Radio Broadcasting Orientation checking and sealing of camera, SD Card, and laptop, etc...
8:00-9:00	Press Conference for Collaborative Desktop Publishing
8:00-9:00	Orientation and Contest Proper Individual Contests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News Writing • Feature Writing • Sports Writing • Editorial Writing • Editorial Cartooning • Science and Technology Writing • Copyreading and Headline Writing • Column Writing • Photojournalism
9:00 - onwards	Group Contests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting • Collaborative Desktop Publishing
10:00-11:00	Election of Campus Journalism Officers (Campus Journalists)
12:00-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-5:00	DSPC Program and Awarding Ceremony
January 11, 2026 (SECONDARY)	
7:00-8:00	Photojournalism and Radio Broadcasting/TV Newscasting Orientation checking and sealing of camera, SD Card, and laptop, etc...
8:00-9:00	Press Conference for Collaborative Desktop Publishing, Online Publishing, and TV Newscasting
8:00-9:00	Orientation and Contest Proper Individual Contests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News Writing • Feature Writing • Sports Writing • Editorial Writing • Editorial Cartooning • Science and Technology Writing • Copyreading and Headline Writing • Column Writing • Photojournalism
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CONTEST DIRECTORS & FACILITATORS

NEWS WRITING/PAGSULAT NG BALITA

Elementary/ Secondary

Contest Director: Reggie A. Barot
Decs L. Flores

Facilitators: Romano B. Casuncad
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EDITORIAL WRITING/PAGSULAT NG PANGULONG-TUDLING

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SPORTS WRITING/PAGSULAT NG BALITANG PAMPALAKASAN

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Angelino Villanueva, Jr.
Helen A. Rejuso

COPYREADING AND HEADLINE WRITING/PAGWAWASTO NG SIPI AT PAG-UULO NG BALITA

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