



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

February 5, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 075, s. 2026

**CHANGES OF THE SCHEDULE OF THE 2026 REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS
CONFERENCE (RSPC)**

To: Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Principals In-charge of the District
Public Schools District Supervisors
Head Teacher In-Charge of the District
School Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 112, s. 2026 and Regional Memorandum No. 115, s. 2026 dated February 4 & 5, 2026 regarding the Change of Schedule of the 2026 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC), which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

FOR THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT:

MICHAEL T. RAPIZ
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School Governance and Operations Division
In-charge of the Division *apraz*

Enclosure: As stated
Reference: R.M. No. 112 & 115, s. 2026
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
 No. **115**, s. 2026

**CHANGES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO REGIONAL
 MEMORANDUM NO. 112, s. 2026 (CORRIGENDUM AND ADDENDUM
 TO REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 028, S. 2026)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 All Others Concerned

1. Relative to Regional Memorandum No. 112, s. 2026 titled Corrigendum and Addendum to Regional Memorandum No. 28, s. 2026 [2026 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC)] and in anticipation of the possible threat among participants and personnel involved that may be caused by Tropical Depression Basyang which is forecasted to make a landfall in Western Visayas on February 6-7, 2026, this Office, issues the following change in information, to wit:

Activity	Venue	Date	
		From	To
Individual Contests (Elementary Level)	Punta Villa, Resort and Convention Center, Arevalo, Iloilo City	February 6-8, 2026	February 9-11, 2026

2. Moreover, the teachers involved in the RSPC activities are entitled to Service Credits for their services during weekends and holidays but not to exceed 15 days in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 titled "Updated Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers." On the other hand, related and non-teaching personnel shall be provided with Compensatory Time Off (CTO) for their services rendered during 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.

3. Other provisions of the aforementioned Memorandum remain in effect.



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


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Assistant Regional Director
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

Encl: None

Reference: RM 112, s. 2026

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. **112**, s. 2026

**CORRIGENDUM AND ADDENDUM TO REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 028,
S. 2026 [2026 REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (RSPC)]**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Relative to Regional Memorandum No. 028, s. 2026 titled 2026 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC), this Office issues the following changes and additional information, to wit:

- a. The activity will be held at the Punta Villa Resort, Inc., Arevalo, Iloilo City on the following schedule:

Activity	Date
Individual Contests (Elementary Level)	February 6-8, 2026
Contests (Secondary Level)	February 13-15, 2026
Group Contests (Elementary and Secondary Levels)	February 19-21, 2026

**Participants and TWG may utilize Day 0 (February 5, 12, and 18, 2026 respectively as travel dates.*

- b. Each participant shall pay a registration fee to cover supply materials, medals, trophies, honoraria for judges external to DepEd, and other expenses necessary for the conduct of the activity. Participants may opt to choose under the following options:
- Live-in: Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 3500.00)- (Full board and lodging);
 - Live-out with meals: Two Thousand Seven Hundred Pesos (Php 2700.00); and
 - Live-out: Four Hundred Pesos (Php 400.00).
- c. The travel, food, registration fee, board and lodging, and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged against the school MOOE or local funds, school paper funds, PTA fund, canteen fund, other dynamic school funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- d. The Division Campus Journalism Focal Persons must ensure that all participants have their published 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



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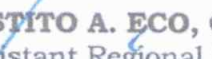
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labelled). The access link to such files must be sent to the Regional Campus Journalism Focal Persons through a mechanism to be relayed in the intended group chat.

- e. Enclosed are the contest-specific clarifications and the matrix of activities. Other updates relative to the conduct of the 2026 RSPC shall be channeled through the official group chat of the Division Campus Journalism Focal Persons.
2. Other provisions of the aforementioned Memorandum remain in effect.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Office-in-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

Encl: As stated

Reference: As stated

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Enclosure No. 1 to Regional Memorandum No. ____, s. 2026

**CONTEST-SPECIFIC CLARIFICATIONS ON THE CONDUCT
 OF THE 2026 RSPC**

Individual Contests (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary)

1. News Writing
2. Editorial Writing
3. Feature Writing
4. Sports Writing
5. Copy Reading and Headline Writing
6. Science and Technology Writing
7. Photojournalism
8. Editorial Cartooning
9. Column Writing

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.
3. A software for checking of laptops for group contests shall be provided one week before the contest to the Division Campus Journalism Focal Persons.

Radio Broadcasting

The awards for this category include the following:

Individual Awards	Group Awards
1. Best Anchor	1. Best Informercial
2. Best Presenter	2. Best Script
3. Best Technical Director	3. Best Radio Broadcast

Collaborative Desktop Publishing

1. The following are the collaborative desktop publishing tools allowed:
 - a. Adobe Pagemaker or Adobe InDesign and Photoshop (Secondary Level)
 - b. Microsoft Publisher and Photoshop (Elementary Level)
2. Pen tabs, and drawing pads, and other digital art accessories are only allowed for editorial cartooning. A form that digital art accessories will only be used during the contest will be secured by the adviser.

Online Publishing

1. For Online Publishing, the contest guidelines set in DepEd Memorandum No. 025, s. 2025 must be followed.
2. The application/platform to be used shall be WordPress (free version).



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TV Scriptwriting & Broadcasting

1. A production set, with a green screen corner, will be provided by the organizers.
2. All other equipment to be used for the simulation shall be presented during the technical rehearsal.

Mobile Journalism Secondary

A. General Guidelines

1. The Mobile Journalism aims to empower journalists to create, edit, and produce timely and relevant news features with the use of just their smartphones, hence without the expense of the traditional high-cost equipment.
2. Mobile journalism is open to all learners at the secondary level.
3. Each SDO may send one team for English and one team for Filipino, composed of 2-3 members.
4. The members shall serve as Reporter/s, video editor, scriptwriter, and videographer.
5. The team can be composed of pure JHS, SHS or a mix of JHS and SHS learners.
6. The team will be given time to shoot, edit, and produce a story on a topic that will be provided by the Management Committee.
7. The entry shall run 1-2 minutes only including the OBB and CBB. There will be 1 point deduction from the total points for every 30 seconds exceeded.
8. The team will be given 4 hours to produce the mobile journalism entry.
9. Participants are strictly allowed to use only one (1) mobile phone for shooting, editing, and submission of their entry. Use of any additional devices such as extra phones, tablets, cameras, or laptops is prohibited.
10. Checking of mobile phones shall be done on the day of the contest. Mobile phone shall be cleared of stored documents excepts for the pre-recorded OBB and CBB and offline editing software.
11. Each entry must be recorded, edited, and completed with any smartphone running on iOS or Android and using any video-editing application.
12. All entries must be original and free from any intellectual property copyright issues
13. Participants must bring their own data/ charging cord or cable necessary for transferring files from their mobile phone to the Technical Working Group (TWG) laptop. The organizers will not provide file transfer accessories.
14. To ensure fairness and prevent internet access, all SIM cards shall be removed from participants' mobile phones prior to the start of the contest and shall be kept by the technical working group (TWG) for safekeeping. Participants are strictly prohibited from using mobile data, Wi-Fi, or any other form of internet connectivity throughout the duration of the competition.



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15. Contestants may use any offline editing application installed on their mobile phone. Online or cloud-based editing tools and apps requiring internet access are not permitted.
16. All video outputs must be submitted in MP4 format with a maximum resolution of 1080p (Full HD). Videos not complying with the prescribed format and resolution shall not be accepted for judging.
17. Participants are allowed to use basic accessories such a microphone (wired or wireless) , tripod, and power bank during the contest. The use of these accessories is limited to providing audio support, stability, and uninterrupted power supply and must not be used to access, store, or transfer files beyond what is permitted under the contest rules.
18. All participants must attest that they submitting work produced with only smartphones and mobile applications. The Board of Judges reserves the right to disqualify entries that cannot be verified at their absolute discretion.
19. All entries shall be observed ethical and professional standards for journalism.
20. Any violation of the prescribed rules and regulations shall be grounds for disqualification.

Individual Awards	Group Awards
1. Best Presenter	1. Best Script
2. Best Technical Director	2. Best Mobile Journalism

21. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.



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SCORESHEET FOR MOBILE JOURNALISM

Story Content and Relevance – 30%	Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear and well-defined topic• Newsworthy, timely, or human-interest value• Relevance to the community, audience, or theme• Accuracy and factual correctness of information• Proper attribution of sources (when applicable)	
Journalistic Quality – 25%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steady and well-framed shots• Clear audio quality (voice, ambient sound)• Proper lighting and composition• Smooth transitions and appropriate editing• Consistent video resolution and file quality	
Technical Execution (Mobile Production) – 20%	
Delivery – 70%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uses a clear and well-modulated voice• Speaks with an appropriate volume• Observes proper phrasing, pacing, and timing	

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REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE 2026
MATRICES OF ACTIVITIES

INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS Elementary: February 6-8, 2026 Secondary: February 13-15, 2026				
Date/Time	Venue 1 Crown Hall	Venue 2 Crown Hall A and D	Venue 3 Crown Hall B and C	Rivermist
Day 1				
7:30-9:00	Registration and Arrival of Participants			Checking of cameras
9:00-9:30	Parade			Checking of Cameras/ Equipment
9:30-11:30	Opening Program			-
LUNCH BREAK (Lecture)				
1:00-2:00	Photojournalism	Editorial Cartooning	News Writing	Checking of Cameras/ Equipment
2:15-3:15	Editorial Writing	Feature Writing	Sports Writing	
3:30-4:30	Column Writing	Science & Technology	Copyreading & Headline Writing	
Day 2				
CONTEST PROPER				
	Venue 1	Venue 2	Venue 3	Rivermist
	Crown Left Side	Crown Right Side	Crown A to D Crown B to C	
8:00-9:00	Editorial Writing	Photojournalism	Sports Writing	Concurrent session with advisers
9:00-10:00	-			
10:00-11:30	Column Writing	Feature Writing	Science & Technology	
LUNCH BREAK				
1:00-2:30	News Writing	Copyreading & Headline Writing	Editorial Cartooning	
3:00-5:00	Focus Group Discussion			
Day 3				
CLOSING PROGRAM				
8:00-11:00	Announcement of Winners and Closing Program			
Home Sweet Home				