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TANGGAPANG PANSANGAY NG MGA PAARALAN NG CATANDUANES

January 9, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 040, s. 2026

ADVISORY TO DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. 007, s. 2026
“2026 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE.”
(Elementary and Secondary Levels)

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
CID and SGOD Personnel
Elementary/Secondary School Heads
(Public and Private Schools)
All Others Concerned

1. Please be informed that the Interview for the Search for Outstanding Campus Journalist and School Paper Advisers in connection with the 2026 Division Schools Press Conference pursuant to Division Memorandum 007, s. 2026 shall be held at the Curriculum Implementation Division on **January 12, 2026** at 1:00 in the afternoon.
2. Candidates for the said Search for School Paper Advisers and Campus Journalists with their coaches are advised to report before the time for a short orientation.
3. The presidents of the Division Association of Secondary School Paper Association (DASSPA) and the Catanduanes Association of Elementary School Paper Association with their treasurers are likewise requested to attend the said activity.
4. Likewise, attached is the corrected Guidelines for the Online Publishing Group Contest.
5. Travel and other incidental expenses shall be charged to the school's MOOE subject to the relevant and other accounting rules and regulations.
6. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

By Authority of the OIC-Schools Division Superintendent:

EVA S. TOLENTINO
Administrative Officer V

To be indicated in the Perpetual index
Under the following subjects:

CAMPUS JOURNALISM
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2026 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE



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GUIDELINES FOR THE ONLINE PUBLISHING CONTEST

1. Each division shall organize a team of five (5) members for English and five (5) members for Filipino at the secondary level who shall not be competing in any of the individual writing categories.
2. Contestants may wear their school uniforms or plain white t-shirts.
3. All contestants are required to attend the one-hour orientation before the competition.
4. All contestants are not allowed to go back to their quarters nor communicate in all forms (text, call, chat, etc.) with their respective advisers from the start until the end of the contest.
5. A mini press conference and a sports event shall be held as bases for the content of the publication (i.e., news, features, editorial, editorial cartoon, sports). The photographers shall take pictures or videos of the mini press conference and sports event.
6. For the actual sports event, a pre-game conference shall be conducted for the introduction of the players, coaches, and tournament officials. Consequently, a post-conference shall be held for interviews and data gathering.
7. The team will be given **four hours** for writing, layout, and editing articles online after the creation of an online publication using the official platform **Word Press** (free version). Coverage/Data gathering through a mini press conference, the pre-game, actual game, and post-conference shall be excluded from the four-hour time allotment.
8. Specific instructions on the number of articles to be produced will be given during the orientation.
9. Each team will be required to bring only the following:
 - one (1) flatbed scanner/3-1 printer (mobile/phone scanner is NOT allowed);
 - maximum of two digital/DSLR cameras
 - maximum of four (4) laptops installed with Photoshop for image enhancement;
 - maximum of two (2) pocket wifi (preferably with two different networks) or one (1) wireless router; and
 - extension cord.
10. Each group shall email their URL to the assigned facilitator.
11. The top five (5) teams shall be recognized, and the points will be included in the determination of the overall standing. All competing teams shall be given points and ranked accordingly.)
12. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.