



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 REGION I



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 305 s. 2026

**SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINES AND IMPLEMENTATION REMINDERS FOR
 THE 2026 REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. In pursuit of the highest standards of integrity, discipline, and operational efficiency in the conduct of the 2026 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC), and in reference to Regional Memorandum No. 152, s. 2026, the following directives, clarifications, and compliance requirements are hereby issued. These measures are intended to ensure uniform implementation across all Schools Division Offices and to safeguard the credibility, fairness, and orderly management of all conference activities.

- a. Aside from the learners and coaches, the official delegates of each SDO shall include the Division Campus Journalism Focal Persons, Chief of the Curriculum Implementation Division, Assistant Schools Division Superintendent/s, and Schools Division Superintendent. It is reiterated that the delegation shall also include the Division Nurse to ensure immediate health support and assistance when necessary.
- b. LGU Batac City strictly prohibits single-use plastics. Thus, all participants and delegates are prohibited from bringing and using single-use plastics during the conduct of the activity. SDOs are encouraged to ensure that participants bring reusable tumblers, containers, and similar eco-friendly alternatives.
- c. In the Collaborative Desktop Publishing, only the first place winners shall be recognized in the special awards.
- d. In the Opening Program at Ilocandia Cultural Center on March 10, 2026 at 3:00 p.m., each SDO shall send a maximum of forty-two (42) participants. The number excludes SDO personnel and officials.
- e. A press conference shall be held prior to the Opening Program to be attended by the Keynote Speaker. It shall be held on March 10, 2026, 2:30 p.m. at Teatro Ilocandia, Mariano Marcos State University Main Campus. Each SDO may send a maximum of 105 participants to the press conference. They shall remain at the venue after the press conference for the live streaming of the Opening Program.
- f. The Opening Program shall also be streamed live in the billeting schools.
- g. All contestants are strictly prohibited from bringing their cellular phones in all contest venues. Any contestant caught in possession of, or using, a cellular phone shall be automatically disqualified, except in TV Broadcasting where a cellular phone may be allowed only if it was inspected and sealed in accordance with the guidelines.
- h. Learner-contestants in the individual categories shall only be allowed entry fifteen (15) minutes prior to their scheduled training-workshop.



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- i. During the inspection and sealing of laptops and other devices to be used in the contests, the Committee shall not seal any device unless it fully conforms to the contest guidelines, including the absence of files, materials, and software/applications not allowed.
 - j. The Committee shall strictly require the Certification signed by the Schools Division Superintendent that all devices to be used in the different contest categories have been inspected at the division level and found to be free from files, materials, and software/applications not allowed in the guidelines. The Schools Division Superintendent shall be notified immediately once any prohibited file or application is found during inspection.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

For the Regional Director:

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 Director II *fn*

Encl.: None
 Reference: As stated
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