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**Office of the Schools Division
 Superintendent**

March 31, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. **198**, s. 2026

PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 NATIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

To: Public Schools District Supervisors/DICs
 Heads of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
 All Others Concerned

- In reference to Regional Memorandum No. 154, s. 2026 re: National Schools Press Conference 2026, the CID Office announces the participation of the Division Office Personnel, qualified campus journalists, coaches, paper-based category qualifiers, and ZSSPAA Officers to the national event on **April 13-17, 2026** (exclusive of travel dates) hosted by DepED Division of Ormoc City, Region VIII.
- The participants, coaches, and officials' traveling, board and lodging, and incidental expenses shall be charged against **school/division MOOE and/or local funds**, subject to the usual accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations. However, travel expenses of the journalist-participants shall be subsidized by the Central Office through the 2026 Development and Promotion of Campus Journalism (DPCJ) funds, all subject to the usual government accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations.
- Any excess funds in the allocated budget may be used for other journalism-related expenses. However, if the downloaded funds are insufficient to cover the subsidized travel expenses of the 2026 NSPC journalist-participants, available local funds or other alternative sources may be utilized, following government accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations.
- Participants shall be granted service credits and/or Compensatory Time-Off (CTO), whichever is applicable, in place of the services provided during weekends or holidays in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2023, Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers, and CSC-DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2015, Policies and Guidelines on Overtime Services and Overtime Pay for Government Employees, respectively.
- Attached to this memorandum is the List of Official Qualifiers and delegates for the National Schools Press Conference.
- For further information and clarification, all concerned individuals may contact the Division Journalism focal persons:

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7. For the information, guidance, and compliance of all concerned.

VIRGILIO P. BATAN JR., CESO V *n.e.H*
 Schools Division Superintendent *per V*

For the Schools Division Superintendent

ATTY. CHRISTINE JOYCE S. PACO
 Attorney III - Legal Officer
 In Charge of Office

Reference:
 Encl.: As Stated
 Reference:
 To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
 under the following subjects:
 SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE CAMPUS JOURNALISM

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Enclosure No. 1

LIST OF STUDENT-CONTESTANTS AND REGIONAL SCHOOL PAPER ENTRIES

A. List of Entries for School Paper per Level/ per Medium

	School Paper	School Paper Adviser/ s	School	Level/Medium
	Rays	Cristy Potayre	Buug Pilot Central School	Elementary-English
	Salamin	Marivic Cabahug	Buug Central SPED Center	Elementary-Filipino
	Ang Panulayan	Marthony B. Yecla	Lindang Elementary School	Elementary-Filipino
	Ang Bagong Sibol	Cianeli Claudio	Titay National High School	Secondary-Filipino

B. List of Contestants for the Individual Categories

Elementary Level

Category: Column Writing

Medium: Filipino

	Complete Name of Student (First Name MI Last Name)	Gender	School	Division	Region	Coach	School Paper
1	Gracell Ann Virgilia	F	Tugop ES	Zambo. Sibugay	IX	Rhea Lebrilla	Mapagmulat na Pluma

Secondary Level

Category: Copyreading and Headline Writing

Medium: Filipino

	Complete Name of Student (First Name MI Last Name)	Gender	School	Division	Region	Coach	School Paper
1	Lexelle Gem E. Fernandez	F	Kabasalan STHS	Zambo. Sibugay	IX	Rosevy Toledo	Ang Banyuhay



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C. List of Qualified Contestants for the Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting

Level: Secondary

Medium: Filipino

Complete Name of Student	Gender	Role/Assigned Task (indicate additional)	School	Division	Team Coach	School Paper
Zion Mae D. Artiaga		Presenter 1	Kabasalan Science & Tech HS	Zambo. Sibugay		

D. List of Other Official Delegates from the Division and Regional Offices

Name	Gender	Office
1. Virgilio P. Batan Jr.	M	Division Office
2. Maria Colleen L. Emoricha	F	Division Office
3. Rodolf John T. Rodriguez	M	Division Office
4. Gernin S. Laraño	F	Division Office
5. Mardie A. Acotanza	M	Imelda District
6. Francisco Grifil	M	Tambanan NHS
7. Lovelet Adjarani	F	Naga NHS
8. Arlyn A. Visitacion	F	Timuay Danda ES
9. Reden V. Uba	M	Naga NHS
10. Grace La Plana	F	Division Office
11. Jonito Junio	M	San Antonio NHS
12. Cinderella Trapa	F	Malangas NHS
13. Cristopher Cainglet	M	Surabay NHS-SHS Stand Alone
14. Jonas Mandalunes	M	Buug NHS