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DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
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**TO :** All Public Schools District Supervisors  
Education Program Supervisors I  
Elementary / Secondary School Heads  
School Paper Advisers

**FROM :** NATIVIDAD P. BAYUBAY, CESO VI  
Officer-in-Charge  
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

**SUBJECT :** 2016-2017 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

**DATE :** May 31, 2016

1. The Division of Zamboanga del Norte announces this year's conduct of the Division Schools Press Conference with the theme, "*Empowering Resilient Communities through Campus Journalism*" on September 30 and October 1, 2016 at Sindangan National Agricultural School, poblacion Sindangan, this province.
2. As usual, this conference shall consist of lectures, discussions, workshop sessions and various aspects of newspaper work and individual writing contests in English and Filipino of both the elementary and secondary levels in the eight (8) categories such as: News Writing, Copy Reading & Headline Writing, Editorial Writing, Photojournalism, Editorial Cartooning, Feature Writing, Sports Writing & Science and Health Writing.
3. The TOP SEVEN (7) contestants in all the individual categories in both levels (elementary and secondary- English) shall be awarded. However, only the contestants from schools with school papers can join in the individual contest. For schools that cannot yet produce the tabloid, may just submit copies of their newsletter as passport to the individual competitions. Each participating school shall have ONLY ONE contestant per category and such contestant can compete in ONLY ONE (1) individual writing category.

4. For the group categories, TOP FIFTEEN ( 15 ) school papers in every PAGE SECTION are entitled to awards and shall be the division entries to the Regional Schools Press Conference ( RSPC ) which shall be conducted on October 20, 2016 to be hosted by Pagadian City Schools Division. Each participating school in the group categories is expected to submit eight (8) copies of this year's issue to the division office on or before September 20, 2016.. This is a MUST, so as to give ample time for the judges to peruse and to rate . It is expected that NO SCHOOL PAPERS SHALL BE SUBMITTED DURING THE START OF THE CONTEST in SNAS, considering that there are only two days set for the conference, awarding shall be done on the second day.
5. This conference is free of charge. Meaning , NO REGISTRATION FEE shall be collected from the participants . Therefore , the management will NO LONGER provide the participants with the following :t-shirts , kits, snacks ,etc . ( *Purchase of t-shirts w/ print shall be decided later after the proclamation of winners to come up with our division uniform during the regional level* ). However, same amount of membership fee shall be collected, twenty pesos ( P 20 ) for the pupil/student journalists and thirty ( P 30.00 ) for the school paper advisers.
6. Everybody is expected to bring their own sets of bedding . All the participants shall be billeted at Sindangan National Agricultural School. Arrangement of the billeting quarters shall be done by the HOST SCHOOL( SNAS - c/o Dr.NildaGalaura ) with the support of the Public Schools District Supervisor of Sindangan Central District (DR. Shirley G.Rebollido).
7. Participation of teachers designated as coaches and school paper advisers shall be subject to the NO- DISRUPTION-OF-CLASSES policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, S. 2015 entitled , "*Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time –On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith* " Initiatives for make-up classes are very much appreciated. In addition , the host schools are expected to conduct Saturday classes in lieu of October 1, 2016 .
8. Expenses relative to the attendance of all delegates to the DSPC ( travel expenses ,per diem and other incidental expenses ) shall be charged against school/PTCA funds and other sources EXCEPT from MOOE subject to the usual accounting, auditing rules and regulations .While travel expenses of the management team, honoraria of the speakers and judges as well as meals and snacks of the judges , working committees and the management team shall be charged to Division Funds.Private schools may have their own arrangement regarding the expenses of their delegates .
9. Preparation of the procurement documents for the meals and snacks of the working committees, judges/ speakers and DepEd officials shall be prepared by the HOST SCHOOL ( c/o DR. NILDA GALAURA , School Principal , SNAS –I.U. ) for payment / billing to the Division Office .
10. Dissemination of this memorandum to all concerned is highly desired .