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 SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE

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Division Memorandum

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2024 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

To: Public Schools District Supervisors
 Heads, Public & Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
 School Paper Advisers
 This Division

1. The Schools Division of Zamboanga del Norte announces this year's conduct of the Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) with the theme: "Charity Truth: Journalism as a Catalyst for positive change in the Media Landscape of 2024" to be conducted on February 23-24, 2024 and to be hosted by Liloy I district, Liloy NHS, Compra NHS and Patawag NHS, poblacion Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte.

2. This year's Press Conference will be conducted in the following levels and dates and the submission of the winning school papers as well as the results of individual categories are enumerated below:

Level	Schedule	Submission of Winning School Publications (in soft copies)	Submission of Results of Individual Categories (hard & soft copies)
School	January 30-February 3, 2024	Each school will prepare an entry	
District	February 6-10, 2024	February 3, 2024 – to be submitted to the District Committee c/o PSDS	February 3, 2024
Cluster	February 13-17, 2024 To be determined by the cluster head. This is OPTIONAL (You may or may not conduct this level)	February 10, 2024 – to be submitted to the Cluster Committee c/o Cluster Head	February 10, 2024
Division	February 23-24, 2024 – Thursday & Friday Venue: Liloy I c/o PSDS Roseller I. Murro; Naida S. Mercado – Liloy NHS	February 16 & 17, 2024 c/o Dr. Anita D. Subebe (EPS, Filipino); Dr. Fe G. Jebone (EPS, English)-Note: late school publications will not be accepted	February 16 & 17, 2024 (February 16-22-Advance Judging of school paper
Region	March 14-16, 2024	February 27, 2024 f-for submission to the	February 27, 2024 To the regional office



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	Venue: Schools Division of Dipolog City Schools	region c/o Dr. Anita D. Subebe (Filipino) Dr. Fe G. Jebone (English)	
National	To be determined	To be determined	

3. The Conference aims to:

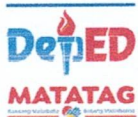
- a. demonstrate understanding of journalism through skillful execution in various platforms (i.e., print, broadcast, online);
- b. recognize the role of journalism in advocating for social consciousness and environmental awareness;
- c. promote fair and ethical use of media as tenets of responsible journalism;
- d. foster camaraderie and enrich learning experiences through healthy and friendly competitions; and
- e. provide learners opportunities to use the skills learned in campus journalism for their future careers.

4. The participants/qualifiers who are eligible for the district and cluster levels in preparation for the division level are the following:

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| Individual Categories | - | (For the District & Cluster Levels)
Top 3 winners per medium (English or Filipino) per level (Elementary or Secondary) |
| Group Categories | - | (For the District & Cluster Levels)
CHAMPION in all group categories 1 team per medium in the district, cluster and for the DIVISION LEVEL |
| School Paper Category | - | TOP 10 in the district or cluster level |

The participants/qualifiers in the division level who are eligible for the **regional level** are the following:

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| Individual Categories | - | TOP 3 division winners per medium per level |
| Group Categories | - | 1 team per medium (composed of 7 members: each team EXCEPT for ONLINE PUBLISHING with 5 members. |
| School Paper Category | - | TOP 10 division winners per section, per medium, per level |



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5. All schools in the concerned districts that are planning to participate in the school, district, cluster and division level press conference should ensure that their school paper publications contain at least 12-page PDF or digital format which shall have the following sections: news, editorial, feature, science & technology and sports. NO campus journalist shall be accepted for the individual competition without the COMPLETE sections of the paper. The school publication shall be from the school year 2023-2024. Previous publications in print and PDF shall NOT be eligible as tickets to the competitions. In the editorial board NOT editorial staff, always include the school principal.

6. For those schools participating in the group category, encourage your school paper advisers to come up with a minimum of 12 or 16-20 pages. ONLY TWO school paper advisers are allowed to run the paper and are allowed to join from the school, district, cluster, division or higher level competitions. One is the OFFICIAL publication adviser, the other one – co-adviser.

7. All stand-alone Senior High Schools shall compete separately across categories. Integrated schools may join in two levels for both the elementary and secondary. Combi schools or schools with Junior and Senior High Schools shall compose one team only.

8. The DSPC activities shall include the following:

a. Individual Contest (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary)

- i. News Writing
- ii. Features Writing
- iii. Editorial Writing
- iv. Sports Writing
- v. Copyreading and Headline Writing
- vi. Science and Technology Writing
- vii. Photojournalism
- viii. Editorial Cartooning
- ix. Column Writing

b. Group Contest

- i. Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting (English and Filipino, elementary & secondary)
- ii. Collaborative Desktop Publishing (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary)
- iii. Online Publishing (English and Filipino, secondary only)
- iv. TV Script Writing and Broadcasting (English and Filipino, secondary only)

c. School Paper Contest (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary, in Portable Document Format)

- i. News Section
- ii. Features Section
- iii. Editorial Section
- iv. Science and Technology Section
- v. Sports Section
- vi. Layout and Page Design



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d. Awarding of Outstanding School Paper Advisers (SPAs) and Campus Journalists (CJs)

9. Recognizing and respecting Intellectual Property Rights, the Department adheres to the rules concerning plagiarism. DepEd reiterates its stand to disqualify school papers found to have copied and published texts, graphics, and other materials without duly acknowledging their sources. The disqualification covers all sections of the school paper. All winning school papers in the 2024 DSPC shall attach their respective Turnitin Results for the 2024 RSPC.
10. Any form of plagiarism in all competitions as proven by the board of judges shall be grounds for disqualification.
11. The decision of the Board of Judges is FINAL and IRREVOCABLE.
12. Below is the list of enclosures on the guidelines of individual, group, and school paper contests:

Enclosure Number	Content
Guidelines for the Individual Contests	
3	General Guidelines for the Selection of Winners in the Different Individual Writing Contests
3a	Score Sheet for News Writing
3b	Score Sheet for Feature Writing
3c	Score Sheet for Editorial Writing
3d	Score Sheet for Sports Writing
3e	Score Sheet for Copyreading and Headline Writing
3f	Score Sheet for Science and Technology Writing
3g	Score Sheet for Photojournalism
3h	Score Sheet for Editorial Cartooning
3i	Score Sheet for Column Writing
Guidelines for the Group Contests	
4	Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting
4a	Score Sheet for Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting
5	Collaborative Desktop Publishing
5a	Score Sheet for Collaborative Desktop Publishing
6	Online Publishing
6a	Score Sheet for Online Publishing
7	TV Script Writing and Broadcasting
7a	Score Sheet for TV Script Writing and Broadcasting
Guidelines for the School Paper Contests (in Portable Digital Format)	
8	General Guidelines for School Paper Contests (in PDF) Guidelines for the Selection of the Best Sections and Layout and Page Design Categories for the School Paper Contest
8a	Score Sheet for the News Section
8b	Score Sheet for the Features Section
8c	Score Sheet for the Editorial Section
8d	Score Sheet for the Science and Technology Section
8e	Score Sheet for the Sports Section
8f	Score Sheet for Layout and Page Design Category
9	How to Compute for the Overall Scores
10	Major Activities for the 2024 National Schools Press Conference



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13. A campus journalist can participate in only one event, either individual or group category.
14. The top seven (7) winners in all individual categories, the CHAMPION for the group categories and the top 15 for school paper shall be recognized. Only the accumulated points from individual and group contests shall be included in the computation of the overall scores.
15. The delegations shall wear any t-shirt in any color to identify their school or district.
16. All participants in the individual categories shall wear their respective school uniforms during the contest proper, while collaborative desktop publishing, online publishing, and radio scriptwriting and broadcasting shall wear white shirts. Meanwhile, TV Broadcasting participants should wear their appropriate attire.
17. Each region is expected to submit the required documents using the format provided in the following enclosures:

Document Name	Submitted to	Deadline and Important Reminders
<p>Cluster winners/entries for the School Paper Contests in portable document format (PDF) duly endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS)</p> <p>Complete Official List of Official Participants and their Coaches</p>	<p>Division Office</p> <p>Division Office</p> <p>ANITA D. SUBEBE (Filipino)</p> <p>FE G. JEBONE (English)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster entries should be sent to: fe.jebone@deped.gov.ph on or before Feb. 16&17, 2024 <p>Follow this procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use a Google Drive for uploading. ○ Create six folders with names of each section (news, feature, editorial, science and tech, sports, and page layout and design) ○ Follow the file name format: Name of School Pub_School e.g. School Pub Name- News-Eng-Elem <p>Division entries should be sent to this email: fe.jebone@deped.gov.ph (English) anita.subebe001@deped.gov.ph (Filipino)</p> <p>on or before the deadline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late entries shall not be accepted. • The official list shall be signed by the principal (in both word file and printed) • PDF and Printed school papers of qualifiers shall be included in the submission, along with the Registration fee of SPAs and Campus Journalists for the RSPC • Portfolios of the nominees for Campus Journalists and School Paper Advisers (print)



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18. Learners of the elementary (Grades 4-6) and secondary levels (both junior and senior high schools) are eligible to join the contests.
19. Participants, coaches, SPAs, and working committees shall bring their water tumblers, extension wires, and sleeping gears. They shall take charge of their meals and snacks during the duration of the activity.
20. For Radio and TV Script Writing and Broadcasting contestants, an orientation will be conducted on March 12, 2024 at 5:00pm – 6:00pm. Details of the venue will be relayed through the Division Supervisor in charge of Campus Journalism a week prior to the conduct of the orientation.
21. Teaching personnel including school paper advisers, coaches, officers, members of the TWG, and working committees who are involved in the actual conduct of the 2024 RSPC shall be given one-day service credit. Meanwhile, non-teaching personnel shall be given a one-day compensatory time off (CTO).
22. All school paper advisers and TWG members shall be granted with maximum of two-day service credits and/or Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) in lieu of the workshop days that will fall on weekends for the completion of their respective school publications for the 2024 DSPC 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.
23. The participants, school paper advisers, coaches, and officials' traveling, board, and lodging expenses shall be charged against school/division MOOE and/or local funds, subject to the usual accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations. Private schools may have their own options. NO REGISTRATION or any FEE shall be collected from the participants in the DIVISION level.
24. For the information, guidance, and compliance of all concerned.

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