



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION
DIVISION OF ESCALANTE CITY



February 24, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 088, s. 2026

REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (RSPC) 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Division Education Program Supervisors
School Heads
All others concerned

1. Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 7079, also known as the *Campus Journalism Act of 1991*, this Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), announces the conduct of the **Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) 2026 in Talisay City, Negros Occidental**.
2. The RSPC 2026 will be conducted on the following dates:
 - a. March 12–14, 2026 – Individual and Group Contests (Elementary Level)
 - b. March 15–17, 2026 – Individual and Group Contests (Secondary Level)
3. The activity 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;
 - 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 and showcase the skills learned in campus journalism for their future careers.
4. The participants in this activity are the top 1 Elementary and Secondary DSPC winners with their coaches both English and Filipino.
5. Attachment to this memorandum is the list of top 1 Elementary and Secondary DSPC winners with their coach both English and Filipino.
6. This Memorandum shall serve as the official TRAVEL ORDER of the participants in connection with their attendance to the RSPC. Expenses incurred relative to transportation, meals, and other allowable expenses shall be charged against the school's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE)/local funds, School Campus Journalism Fund and other allowable funds, whichever is applicable, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. It is understood that in the conduct of this activity, there shall be no discrimination on the account of age, school gender, civil status, disability, religion or other similar circumstances that run counter to the principle of equal opportunities.





Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION
DIVISION OF ESCALANTE CITY

8. The participation to this activity is subject to the “No disruption of classes policy” as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled “Instituting Measures to increase Engaged Time on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith”. The school should take necessary measures to ensure that the teaching load of teacher- participants will be taken care-of and No classes will be missed by the learners.
9. The teachers involved in the activity as coaches are entitled to Service Credits for their services during weekends and holidays but not to exceed 15 days in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53 s. 2003 entitled “Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers.” On the other hand, non-teaching personnel shall be provided with Compensatory Time Off (CTO) for their services rendered during the weekends and holidays per Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004 on Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Service Rendered.
10. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


PETER J. GALIMBA

Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent 

Enclosure : See enclosure number 1

Reference : Regional Memorandum No. 197, s. 2026

Allotment : 1-2-3-6-7-8

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index of the following subjects:

Assessment	CURRICULUM
Conference	POLICY
Contest	PROGRAMS

Tabotabo/Mapa 02/24/2026



Escalante City, Negros Occidental, Philippines
Tel. Nos – (034) 724-5720, (034) 454- 0746
escalante.city001@deped.gov.ph
depedescalantecity.weebly.com



Schools Division Of Escalante City
Escalante City, Negros Occidental



Enclosure 1 to Division Memorandum No. 088, s. 2026

2026 RSPC Qualifiers

FILIPINO

ELEMENTARY

Contestant's Name	School	Publication	Coach	Event
Zeander Vonn O Tiinaza	ECES	Centralite Echo	Jeisha L. Contiga	Editorial Cartooning
VIANNEY DESTURA	ECES	CENTRALITE ECHO	JONABEL J. AROPE	Feature Writing
Kelly Meisha C. Lunod	DEDRES	Simboryo	Vanessa J. Baluca	News Writing
Aquilla Blair B. Gale	Escalante Central Elementary School	Centralite Echo	Mariza J. Britania	Column Writing
Jenelyn N. Cadiangga	DEDRES	Simboryo	Vanessa J. Baluca	Editorial Writing
Cyrel G. Tutica	Jonobjonob Elementary School	The Source	Reyvedem T. Sigara	Science and Tech. Writing
Summer Razale M. Canieso	Escalante Elementary School	The Shoreline	Johnson M. Abeles	Photojournalism
Christine Mae Mahilum	Mabini Central Elementary School	Ang Larawan	Ivy P. Dalaguit	Copyreading & Headline Writing
Nerillette T. Simportiano	Jonobjonob Elementary School	The Source	Annie N. Balenario	Sports Writing

FILIPINO
SECONDARY

Contestant's Name	School	Publication	Coach	Event
Kian A. Dahildahil	Mabini National High School	Mabiyaya	Mary Cathaline A. Jumawan	Editorial Cartooning
Renalyn Macna	Mount Carmel College of Escalante, Inc.	The Prophet	Ma. Carmel A. Mancera	Feature Writing
Ruby Jane P. Canania	Dian ay NHS	Ang Andap	Antonettee Javelosa	News Writing
Christine Canoso	Mabini National High School	Mabiyaya	Hezel A. Lopez	Column Writing
Angel Ginbe P. Olan	Old Poblacion National High School	Ang Pananaw	Jahara Mae A. Malinao	Editorial Writing
Novy Jane S. Balahay	Mabini National High School	Mabiyaya	Jinny E. Opina	Science and Tech. Writing
Cherry Lyn M. Calbayar	Buenavista National High School	Vista Blaze	Rica B. Solivio	Photojournalism
Joy Garcia Compania	Escalante National High School	Taga-Ilaw	Jean V. Naga	Copyreading & Headline Writing
Marianah J. Bulando	Dian-ay NHS	Ang Andap	Shaira Margaret R. Mendoza	Sports Writing

ENGLISH
ELEMENTARY

Contestant's Name	School	Publication	Coach	Event
Bella D. Ngalongalo	DON ESTEBAN DELA RAMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	SIMBORYO	LORY J MAHILUM	Editorial Cartooning
AISHA ALVIRA DIOSANA	Escalante Central Elementary School	Centralite Echo	Jonabel J. Arope	Feature Writing
Angel Bleze P. Mamigo	Malasibog Integrated School	The Bridge	Rowena T. Padilla	News Writing
Eureka V. Naga	Escalante Central Elementary School	Centralite Echo	Mariza J. Britania	Column Writing
Jolianne Reese B. Aranda	Escalante Central Elementary School	Centralite Echo	Cheryl Ann A. Pangandoyon	Editorial Writing
Liv Arwin O. Maratas	Escalante Elementary School	The Shoreline	Shalom D. Albarico	Science and Tech. Writing
Ailex Zaine L. Arnaiz	Escalante Central Elementary School	Centralite Echo	Charmaine L. Arnaiz	Photojournalism
Aila Gail T. Villadar	Escalante Elementary School	The Shoreline	Jhona D. Artajo	Copyreading & Headline Writing
Gregg Andrie V. Tangao	Escalante Central Elementary School	Centralite Echo	Maycy D. Juntaniza	Sports Writing

ENGLISH
SECONDARY

Contestant's Name	School	Publication	Coach	Event
STEVIN ARELLANO	MALASIBOG INTEGRATED SCHOOL	THE BRIDGE	NINO L. CLARIN	Editorial Cartooning
LEANNA JAN JUAREZ	ESCALANTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	THE LIGHTBEARER	JESSA G. TAN	Feature Writing
JOSSIE A. BAWA-AN	LANGUB NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	SHINE	HANNAH CHRISTINE JOY P. PASILAN	News Writing
NOVIE ROLLYN PUEBLOS	ESCALANTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	THE LIGHTBEARER	JESSA G. TAN	Column Writing
KELVIN REY S. GALE	PAITAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL	TUMOY	MARYJANE VALLIENTE	Editorial Writing
PRINSE KIESH ANTHONY TAN	ESCALANTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	THE LIGHTBEARER	MA. CHRESTY B. PONTERAS	Science and Tech. Writing
Althea Khate O. Ocana	Mabini National High School	The Highland	Aralene G. Balalilhe	Photojournalism
LIA NOELLE DE LA CRUZ	ESCALANTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	THE LIGHTBEARER	JESSA G. TAN	Copyreading & Headline Writing
WENDY V. PATPAT	MALASIBOG INTEGRATED SCHOOL	THE BRIDGE	JANINE N. ZAMORA	Sports Writing

ELEMENTARY- GROUP EVENT

Contestant's Name	School	Publication	Coach	Event
1.Yehezquel Keziah R. Bernales 2.Princess Kate D. Gabales 3.April Cindraj Joy B. Roble 4.Tricia Lee P. Valencia 5.Loraine N. Mahinay 6.Christine Anne C. Berden 7.Jahleel Jach G. Montinola	Escalante Central Elementary School	Sentrong Alingawngaw	Riman F. Pineda Gian Michael D. Casela	Radio Broadcasting Filipino
1.Selene Margareth T. Guillen 2.Charlen G. Deocampo 3.Dashe T. Tumulak 4.Pauline S. Canarejo 5.Ma. Juliana Rubien P. Continente 6.Zach Znyder S. Rojo 7. Loel Keanne R. Nuyad	Escalante Central Elementary School	Central Echo	Oscar B. Mascuñana Peejay Ann C. Valliente	Radio Broadcasting English

SECONDARY- GROUP EVENT

Contestant's Name	School	Publication	Coach	Event
1. Divine Grace L. Lapuz 2. Rhynz Wayne T. Sante 3. Lian Clarisse A. Lamayo 4. Gift Alfeah A. Mahinay 5. Princess Snell T. Montibon 6. Zyron Glen Aligato 7. Clint C. Cinco Jr	Escalante National High School	Taga-Ilaw	Kezel A. Barredo	Radio Broadcasting Filipino

1. BENEDICT BARON	OLD POBLACION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	THE INSIGHTS	JOLITO PRIETOS	Radio Broadcasting English
2. SHEEINE GALANGERA				
3. MARIEL SINADJAN				
4. KEITH JASPER RODRIGUEZ				
5. ALTHEA MARIE MAHILUM				
6. RUDY DABLEO				
7. XANDER TANGHAL				
1. Jay R P. Gisim	Mabini National High School	Mabiyaya	Letecia T. Villatima	Collaborative Desktop Publishing Filipino
2. Jessa Mae G. Panadero				
3. Jessel S. Caburnay				
4. Shameil T. Plumo				
5. John Vincent N. Sebuyan				
6. Precious Jill A. Canania				
7. Kezia Ruth C. Deniega				
1. JANNAH VILLACAMPA	ESCALANTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	THE LIGHTBEARER	FANEZZA MADRELIÑO	Collaborative Desktop Publishing English
2. CARLIN CALISTE				
3. DAVID SEBUA				
4. PRINCESS NICOLE FLORENTIN				

5. DIVINE GRACE PATIGAS				
6. SOPHIA FAJARDO				
7. JULIE JANE IBANEZ				
1. Froilan B. Bacaron	Escalante National High School	Taga-Illaw	Kezel A. Barredo	Online Publishing Filipino
2. Genevieve D. Agohayon				
3. John Eric Abibas				
4. Jan Pierre E. Iroma				
5. Cassandra C. Hernane				
1. JACOB LEE	ESCALANTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	THE LIGHTBEARER	JOE-M MAHILUM	Online English
2. JHEDALYN CAMINOS				
3. PAULEEN JAIYENNE PEDRANO				
4. ZIAH ISABELLE LUMANOG				
5. LERA COLMENARES				
	ESCALANTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	THE LIGHTBEARER	JESSA G. TAN	School Paper Contest