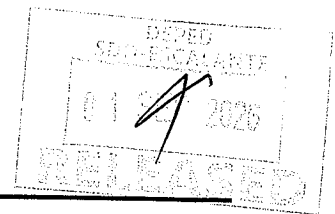




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION
DIVISION OF ESCALANTE CITY



September 1, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 763, s. 2026

2026 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

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

1. Pursuant to Republic Act 7079 also known as the *Campus Journalism Act of 1991*, SDO Escalante City Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) shall conduct the 2026 Division Schools Press Conference on September 8-9, 2026 at Escalante Central Elementary School.
2. The activity aims to:
 - a. demonstrate understanding of the importance of journalism by expressing it through different journalistic endeavors and approaches;
 - b. sustain advocacy on social consciousness;
 - c. provide a venue for an enriching learning experience for students interested in pursuing journalism as a career;
 - d. promote responsible journalism, fair and ethical use of social media; and
 - e. enhance journalistic competence through healthy and friendly competitions.
3. Conference activities shall include individual and group contests, school paper contests for both Elementary and Secondary levels, in English and Filipino, and the awarding of Outstanding School Paper Adviser and Outstanding Campus Journalist. The detailed events, guidelines, rules, and mechanics are stipulated in DepEd Memorandum No. 039, s. 2025, titled "2025 National Schools Press Conference and Festival of Talents."
4. This Office further notifies the field that the conference shall strictly adhere to the "No Paper, No Contest" Policy.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. A registration fee of P 1,000.00 (One thousand pesos) to cover necessary expenses relative to the conduct of the activity which will be auto deducted from each non-implementing unit while for IUs it will be collected through cash, check/LDDAP shall be charged against local funds /MOOE subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.



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8. The teachers involved in the activity as SPAs/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.
9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


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Enclosure : None
Reference : RA 7079
Allotment : 1-2-3-6-7-8
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index of the following subjects:
CONTEST CURRICULUM Campus Journalism

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