



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

January 15, 2026

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **66** s. 2026

**ADDITIONAL UPDATES ON THE CONDUCT OF THE  
2026 REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division, in partnership with the Division of Southern Leyte and the Eastern Visayas Association of School Paper Advisers, (EVASPA) Inc., announces a number of important updates that will be observed during the 2026 Regional Schools Press Conference.
2. The updates include the suggestions and agreements given during the latest regional planning conference in Sogod and some recent developments which are listed as follows:
  - a. This year's search for the Most Outstanding School Paper Advisers (MOSPA) and Most Outstanding Campus Journalists (MOCJ) will have an awarding ceremony that will include both the winners and non-winning division nominees. All nominees are requested to wear a formal attire during the event. In view of this, the SDOs may submit the division nominees on or before January 19, 2026.
  - b. Each Schools Division shall be responsible for its own transport services. Accordingly, the Division may utilize one vehicle from the Division Office to ferry participants between the billeting school and the designated contest or activity venues.
  - c. To ensure that the administration of contests is aligned with the standards; different groups of contest coordinators, proctors, technical consultants, tabulators, and other officials of the Regional Program Management Team (See Enclosure 1) have been organized.
  - d. The Schools Division Superintendents and Assistant Schools Division Superintendents who will attend the RSPC shall be billeted at the Ghrace Jhoy Technical Vocational School in Sogod while the CID Chiefs and SGOD Chiefs shall be accommodated at the dormitory of the Southern Leyte State University on January 18-21.
  - e. The evaluation of the Top Five Regional School Papers in News Section, Editorial Section, Features Section, Science and Technology Section, Sports Section, and Layout and Page Design in English and Filipino for elementary and secondary shall be done during the 2026 RSPC. Eligible entries shall also

be the top five school papers from the divisions which must be submitted not later than January 19, 2026.

- f. The officers of the EVASPA, Inc. are requested to assist the RSPC PMT on January 16, 2025 at the CLMD Office to ensure that all equipment, materials, and supplies are purchased and that all documents and templates are prepared. In consideration of time constraints, this Memorandum shall already serve as a travel authority of the EVASPA officers and CLMD personnel who need to accomplish financial or RSPC-related transaction on the said date.
- g. To expedite the preparation and distribution of certificates of participation and to ensure the accuracy of entries, each Division will be provided with special paper for printing its own certificates which is equal to the number of confirmed participants. After printing, the certificates must be returned to the RSPC PMT for signing.
- h. Due to an approaching tropical depression that may cause inclement weather, division delegations are advised not to travel before January 18. Heads of delegations are directed to monitor and assess their respective situations to ensure that travel is safe, since weather conditions can vary greatly depending on location, even after the storm signal has been withdrawn.
- i. Since there is a need for the members of the RSPC Program Management Team including the EVASPA Officers, Technical Working Group Members, tabulators, and other support personnel from the divisions to travel and render services starting January 17-18, 2026 which fall on a weekend, these personnel shall be entitled to the applicable service credits per D.O. 13 s. 2024.
- j. For guidance, all concerned are advised to refer to the revised schedule of activities found in Enclosure 2.

3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Enclosures: 1 - List of Contest Coordinators, Proctors, Technical Consultants, Tabulators, and Officials

2 - Revised Schedule of Activities for the 2026 RSPC

Reference: RM No. 1723 s. 2026, RM No. 1626, s. 2025

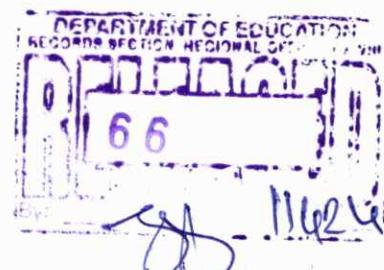
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

CAMPUS JOURNALISM

CONTEST

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**LIST OF CONTEST COORDINATORS, PROCTORS,  
TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS, TABULATORS, AND OFFICIALS**

NAME OF TWG MEMBER	DESIGNATION/ROLE	CONTEST
Anna Marie Tolibas	Contest Coordinator	News Writing
Van G. Gaspang	Contest Proctor	
Liezl Avila	Contest Proctor	
Hannah Rose Cuaderno	Contest Coordinator	Feature Writing
Edna Malasaga	Contest Proctor	
Paulina Gabon	Contest Proctor	
Balsy Redoña	Contest Coordinator	Science & Technology Writing
Mylane Barquera	Contest Proctor	
Virginia Dulfo	Contest Proctor	
Dean M. Endriano	Contest Coordinator	Copyreading and Headline Writing
Erwin Purcia	Contest Proctor	
Rustum Geonzon	Contest Proctor	
Ariem Cinco	Contest Coordinator	Editorial Cartooning
Marcosa Lavado	Contest Proctor	
Margie Balledo	Contest Coordinator	Editorial Writing
Annie Pagatpat	Contest Proctor	
Adelfa Tagra	Contest Proctor	
Romeo Alvarado	Contest Coordinator	Column Writing
Florita Lee	Contest Proctor	
Eva Aguilar	Contest Proctor	
Alfredo Cafe	Contest Coordinator	Sports Writing
Ronald Llaneta	Contest Proctor	
Felix Ladeño	Contest Proctor	
Dandy G. Acuin	Contest Coordinator	Photojournalism
Roy Aserit	Contest Proctor	
Angelo Tampol	Technical Consultant	
Rossel G. Pacanza	Technical Consultant	
Hydelyn N. Cinco	Technical Consultant	
Ryan R. Tiu	Contest Coordinator	Collaborative Desktop Publishing
Lorie Emmanuel Arago	Contest Proctor	
Myra Bato	Contest Proctor	
Hermie Visaya	Technical Consultant	
Efren Superable	Technical Consultant	
Joy B. Bihag	Contest Coordinator	Online Publishing
Lourdes Matan	Contest Proctor	
Irene Mangle	Contest Proctor	
Harold Naputo	Technical Consultant	
Glendale Lamiseria	Contest Coordinator	Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting
Mauricio Catan	Contest Proctor	
Henry Jarina	Contest Proctor	
Dennis Sabutanan	Technical Consultant	
Felipe Paulo	Technical Consultant	
Nancy Tolibas	Technical Consultant	

Ma Theresa Pequero	Technical Consultant	
Ludee Abenion	Technical Consultant	
Juvy Mae Monter	Technical Consultant	
Rosalie Peligrino	Technical Consultant	
Grace Mae Lesigon	Technical Consultant	
Judith Sapin	Technical Consultant	
Raymund Jake B. De la Cruz	Technical Consultant	
Brian S. Delopere	Technical Consultant	
Michael J. Morales	Technical Consultant	
Nova P. Jorge	Contest Coordinator	TV Scriptwriting and Broadcasting
Mariam G. Aranas	Contest Proctor	
Rex C. Briones	Contest Proctor	
Carlo Doinog	Technical Consultant	
Ronniel Romares	Technical Consultant	
Jesspress C. Vecina	Technical Consultant	
Rick Laguras	Technical Consultant	
Michelle Malaki	Technical Consultant	
Juliet Lor	Technical Consultant	
Plaridel Bardaje	Technical Consultant	
Airra Mae Dacut	Technical Consultant	
Amenia Aspa	Contest Coordinator	Search for the MOSPA & MOCJ
Raymund Remandaban	EVASPA President	
Ronald Cabigon	EVASPA Vice President	
Ernani Fernandez Jr.	Chief Tabulator	
Ronnie Tambal	Tabulator	
Lanillo A. Macalla	Tabulator	
Nestor De Luna	Tabulator	
Princess Jessica Pontillas	Tabulator	
Eugenio H. Rivera	Tabulator	
Jonard P. Norombaba	Tabulator	
Bammy S. Orsal	Tabulator	
Rowella M. Ambida	Tabulator	
Emily T. Guimbaolibot	Tabulator	
Eleanor Calumpiano	Legal and Compliance Officer	
Salvador Artigo	Host Division Coordinator	
Hilda Olvina	Host Division Coordinator	
Dulce Catubao	Legal and Compliance Officer	
Gertrudes C. Mabutin	Contest Manager	

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**REVISED SCHEDULE OF ACTVITIES  
IN THE 2026 REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE**

January 19-23, 2026, Sogod, Southern Leyte

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
01/17/26	Arrival RO & SDO PMT, TWG, and EVASPA Officers	08:00 AM 05:00 PM	SLSU Hotel/Sogod NHS
	RB Set up (Service provider only)	08:00 AM 05:00 PM	Sogod NHS
	TV Set-up (service provider only)	08:00 AM 05:00 PM	Sogod ABC Hall
01/18/26	Travel Time of Division Delegations and Participants		
	Arrival and Registration of Official Participants	(Upon Arrival)	Billeting Schools
	RO, SDO & EVASPA TWG Meeting	01:00 PM 03:00 PM	Sogod NHS
	Judges and TWG Members Briefing	04:00 PM 08:00 PM	Sogod NHS
01/19/26	Arrival and Registration of Official Participants	08:00 AM 12:00 PM	Billeting Schools
	Checking & Sealing of Gadgets for Photojournalism	08:00 AM 05:00 PM	Sogod NHS
	Checking & Sealing of Gadgets for Collaborative Desktop Publishing	08:00 AM 05:00 PM	Sogod NHS
	Checking & Sealing for Gadgets of Online Publishing (English)	08:00 AM 05:00 PM	Malipayon Shores, Libagon
	Checking & Sealing for Gadgets of Online Publishing (Filipino)	08:00 AM 05:00 PM	Sunset Boulevard, Libagon
	Submission and Screening of Documents in the Search for the MOSPA and MOCJ	08:00 AM 12:00 PM	Sogod NHS
	Solidarity Meeting with the Coaches - Cluster 1 (News, Feature, Sci Tech, Sports)	08:00 AM 09:30 AM	SLSU Main Theater
	Solidarity Meeting with the Coaches - Cluster 2 (Editorial, Column, Copy Reading, Cartooning)	09:30 AM 11:00 AM	SLSU Main Theater

Solidarity Meeting with the Coaches - Cluster 3 (Online, CDP, Radio, TV, & Photojournalism)	11:15 AM 12:45 PM	SLSU Main Theater
Parade Assembly Time	03:00 PM 03:30 PM	Sogod Central School (CS)
Parade	03:30 PM 05:00 PM	Sogod CS to SLSU Grandstand
Opening Program	05:00 PM 07:00 PM	SLSU Main Grandstand
Welcome Night /LGU Night	07:00 PM 10:00 PM	SLSU Multi- Purpose Gym

01/20/26	News Writing	08:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sogod NHS
	Feature Writing	08:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sogod NHS
	Sci Tech Writing	08:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sogod NHS
	Copyreading & Headline Writing	08:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sogod NHS
	Editorial Writing	10:15 AM 12:15 PM	Sogod NHS
	Column Writing	10:15 AM 12:15 AM	Sogod NHS
	Photojournalism	08:00 AM 10:00 AM	To be identified
	Photo Captioning	10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Sogod NHS
	Collaborative Desktop Publishing (Elem and HS English)	08:00 AM 01:00 PM	Training Hall, 3rd Floor, St. Thomas Aquinas College (STAC)
	Collaborative Desktop Publishing (Elem and HS Filipino)	08:00 AM 01:00 PM	SLSU Gym
	Online Publishing (HS English)	08:00 AM 01:00 PM	Malipayon Shore, Jubas, Libagon
	Online Publishing (HS Filipino)	08:00 AM 01:00 PM	Sunset Boulevard, Tigbao, Libagon
	Radio Broadcast Simulation/Testing; (Elem and HS, English and Filipino)	08:00 AM 05:00 PM	Sogod NHS
	Checking and Sealing of Gadgets for Radio (Elem and HS, English & Filipino)	08:00 AM 05:00 PM	Sogod NHS

	TV Broadcast Simulation/ Testing	01:00 PM 09:30 PM	ABC Sogod Legislative Building
	Checking and Sealing of Gadgets for TV (HS English & Filipino)	01:00 PM 09:30 PM	Sogod NHS
<b>Welcome Night by Billeting Quarters</b>			

01/21/20 26	Radio Script Writing (Elem English)	08:00 AM 10:00 AM	Marianne Center
	Radio Script Writing (Elem Filipino)	11:00 AM 01:00 PM	Marianne Center
	Radio Live Broadcast (Elem English)	11:30 PM 02:30 PM	Sogod NHS
	Radio Live Broadcast (Elem Filipino)	03:00 PM 05:30 PM	Sogod NHS
	TV Script Writing (HS English)	08:00 AM 01:00 PM	Sacred Heart Bldg., STAC, (Above J & F Store)
	TV Broadcasting Standby Area	01:00 PM 09:30 PM	ABC Sogod Legislative Building (Near Sogod BFP Station)
	TV Broadcasting (HS English)	08:00 AM 10:00 AM	To be identified
	Sports Exhibition	11:00 AM 01:00 PM	Sogod NHS
	Cartooning	08:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sogod NHS
01/22/20 26	Radio Script Writing (HS English)	08:00 AM 10:00 AM	STAC 3rd Floor (Above the Dialysis Center)
	Radio Script Writing (HS Filipino)	11:00 AM 01:00 PM	STAC 3rd Floor (Above the Dialysis Center)
	Radio Live Broadcast (HS English)	11:30 PM 02:30 PM	Sogod NHS
	Radio Live Broadcast (HS Filipino)	02:30 PM 05:30 PM	Sogod NHS
	TV Script Writing (HS Filipino)	08:00 AM 12:00 PM	Sacred Heart Bldg. STAC, (Above J & F Store)
	TV Broadcasting Standby Area	01:00 PM 09:30 PM	ABC Sogod Legislative Building (Near Sogod BFP Station)
	TV Broadcasting (HS Filipino)	08:00 AM 10:00 AM	

	Coaches Feedback Conference	08:00 AM 12:00 PM	SLSU Theater
	MOSPA and MOCJ Awarding Ceremony	01:00 PM 05:00 PM	SLSU Theater
	Awarding & Closing Program (Elem)	08:00 AM 12:00 PM	Sogod Municipal Gym
01/23/20 26	Awarding & Closing Program (HS)	08:00 AM 12:00 PM	SLSU Gym
<b>Home Sweet Home</b>			