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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **316** s.2026

**REGIONAL COACHING AND TRAINING OF THE
2026 NATIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE QUALIFIERS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Division Campus Journalism Supervisors
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) and the Eastern Visayas Association of School Paper Advisers (EVASPA) Inc., shall lead the conduct of the **Regional Coaching and Training of the 2026 National School Press Conference Qualifiers** on **March 24-26, 2026** at the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP), DepEd Regional Office VIII, Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte.

2. The said activity shall be carried out in two modes --face-to-face and virtual. The face-to-face coaching shall primarily cater to all group contest qualifiers and photojournalism contestants and their coaches while the virtual training shall be intended for all other individual event contestants and advisers based on the following arrangement:

| Contest | No. of Campus Journalists | No. of Coaches | No. of Resource Persons | Total |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Face-to-face Mode | | | | |
| Collaborative Desktop Publishing | 28 | 4 | 2 | 34 |
| Radio Scriptwriting & Broadcasting | 28 | 4 | 2 | 34 |
| TV Scriptwriting & Broadcasting | 14 | 4 | 2 | 20 |
| Online Publishing | 10 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Photojournalism | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
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| Virtual Mode | | | | |
| News Writing | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Feature Writing | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Editorial Writing | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Science & Technology Writing | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 |

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| Column Writing | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Copyreading & Headline Writing | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Sports Writing | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Editorial Cartooning | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| | | | | 72 |
| | | | | 183 |

3. In view of the existing resource limitations, the in-person coaching shall be on live-out basis for the contestants and coaches except for trainers and members of the training management team. Meals and snacks of the participants, however, shall be provided and covered by the EVASPA.

4. In addition to taking care of their own provisions for lodging, onsite participants are required to bring their own contest equipment, gadgets, and materials such as laptops, printers, cameras, and back-up mobile internet devices. They can also travel a day before the start of the activity to ensure that they will be able to attend the opening program.

5. Student contestants must secure the parent's permit before joining the activity and submit the same to the secretariat upon arrival.

6. In order to properly prepare for the training, a virtual planning conference with the trainers, division campus journalism supervisors, and training management team shall be held at 1:00 p.m. on March 12, 2026 via Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/jac-wcqd-ivz>.

7. On the financial aspect, expenses for meals shall be covered by EVASPA Funds while the cost for rental of venue, lodging and travel of the participants, and purchase of training equipment and materials may be charged against the remainder of the 2025 and the incoming 2026 Development and Promotion of Campus Journalism (DPCJ) Funds. In case these funds are unavailable or insufficient, the same expenses especially those for travel reimbursement, can also be charged to the participants' respective local funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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


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Enclosures: 1 - Regional TMT
 2 - Activity Matrix
 3 - Participants in the Regional Coaching

Reference: None

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

CAMPUS JOURNALISM COACHING NSPC

CLMD-DME



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Editorial Cartooning Mr. Marvin Alidro
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Enclosure 2 to Regional Memorandum No. 316 s. 2026

ACTIVITY MATRIX FOR THE ONSITE REGIONAL TRAINING AND COACHING

| SCHEDULE | Mar-25 | Mar-26 | | | | | Mar-27 |
|---------------|---|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | All Groups | TV Broadcasting | Radio Broadcasting | Collaborative Desktop Publishing | Online Publishing | Photojournalism | All Groups |
| Morning | Arrival & Registration | BREAKFAST/MOL | | | | | Closing Program |
| | | TV Scriptwriting (4 hours - 8AM-112NN) | Script Writing (2hours) | Contest Simulation 1 - Writing, Layouting, Editing, and Printing (4 hours) | Contest Simulation 1 - Writing, Layouting, Editing, and Printing (4 hours) | Photojournalism Workshop | |
| | | | Broadcast Simulation (4 Teams) | | | Contest Simulation 1 | |
| | | | Giving of Feedback | | | Giving of Feedback | |
| LUNCH | | | | | | | |
| Afternoon | Plenary Session: Opening Program | Broadcast Simulation (2 Teams) | Revision/ Adjustment of Output | Giving of Feedback | Giving of Feedback | Contest Simulation 2 | |
| | Analysis of the Region's Performance in the 2025 NSPC | Giving of Feedback | Broadcast Simulation (4 Teams) | Revision / Enhancement of Outputs | Revision / Enhancement of Outputs | Giving of Feedback | |
| | | Revision / Adjustment of Output | Giving of Feedback | | | Contest Simulation 3 | |
| | Breakout Sessions: TV, Radio, CDP, and Photojournalism Workshop | Broadcast Simulation (2 Teams) | Revision/ Adjustment of Output | | | | |
| | Critiquing of the Contestants RSPC Outputs | Giving of Feedback | Giving of Feedback | Giving of Feedback | Giving of Feedback | Giving of Feedback | |
| DINNER | | | | | | | |

Enclosure 3 to Regional Memorandum No. 316 s. 2026

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE REGIONAL COACHING AND TRAINING
OF THE 2026 NSPC QUALIFIERS**

| NAME | CONTEST | COACH | SCHOOL | DIVISION |
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| Chloe Isabelle T. Dela Cruz | News Writing-Elementary | Lucille Panzo | Dulag SPED Center | Leyte |
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