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Department of Education
 REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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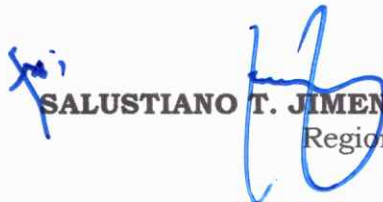
PROTOCOL OFFICERS FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 All Others Concerned

- In reference to DepEd Memorandum No. 21, s. 2026 entitled 2026 National Schools Press Conference to be held at Ormoc City on April 13-17, 2026, the following SDO Officials are requested and assigned as PROTOCOL OFFICERS. The main task is to assist the CO and RO Officials from arrival in their port of entry up to departure.
- The 13 Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are requested to provide vehicles to transport the Key Officials from their point of entry to their respective destinations in Ormoc City as indicated below:

Division	No. of Cars	Division	No. of Cars
Baybay	3	Maasin	2
Biliran	3	Northern Samar	3
Borongan	3	Ormoc	2
Calbayog	2	Samar	3
Catbalogan	2	Southern Leyte	3
Eastern Samar	3	Tacloban City	2
Leyte	3		

- Hiring of additional transport vehicles, fuel consumption, and other expenses incurred shall be charged against their Division Local Funds or any available funds, subject to the accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- Attached is the list of the Protocol Officers and the corresponding official assigned to them.
- Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III
 Regional Director

Enclosure: None

Reference: As stated

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

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