



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

April 8, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

RM No. 418 s. 2026

**UPDATES FOR 2026 NATIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE
PROTOCOL OFFICERS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Regional Memorandum No. 404, s. 2026 entitled **Protocol Officers for the 2026 National Schools Press Conference** to be held at Ormoc City on April 13-17, 2026, the following updates from the expected Central and Regional Officials are hereby given.
2. All Protocol Officers assigned to Central and Regional Officials who have not express their status of confirmation are enjoined to wait for subsequent updates which will be posted in the different group chat rooms.
3. All Protocol Officers and Division Drivers whose guest/s had confirmed NOT ATTENDING are requested to be ready should there be changes in the confirmation and for special tasks that may be assigned in the duration of the event.
4. Guests flight details and port of entries will be provided in the different group chats.
5. A coordination meeting for all Protocol Officers with guests attending and guests who have not yet expressed their status of confirmation are to attend a virtual meeting via <https://meet.google.com/ypx-swos-gdf> on Friday, April 10, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.
6. For guidance of all concerned, immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

for:
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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Enclosure 1 to Regional Memorandum No. 418, 2026**GUESTS' STATUS OF CONFIRMATION**

Name of Official/s	Status of Confirmation	Protocol Officer	RO/SDO
A. EXECOM			
SONNY ANGARA Secretary of Education		Salustiano T. Jimenez Marilyn B. Siao	RO
ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN Undersecretary for Senior Personnel		Mariza S. Magan	Leyte
ATTY. PETER IRVING C. CORVERA Undersecretary for Senior Personnel - Oversight & Head of the Procuring Entity		Genis S. Murallos	Maasin City
DEBBIE JEAN DIJAMCO Undersecretary	Not Attending	Dandy G. Acuin	RO
ATTY. ROWENA CANDICE M. RUIZ Undersecretary - designate for Procurement and Finance Oversight	Not Attending	Marixel C. Evardone/Alma Palaña	Eastern Samar
CILETTE LIBORO CO Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and External Partnerships	Attending with EA	Sherlita A. Palma	Tacloban City
DR. CARMELA C. ORACION OIC-Undersecretary for Learning Systems Strand	Attending	Crista Joy C. Abogadie	Catbalogan City
DR. JEROME T. BUENVIAJE Assistant Secretary for Learning Systems Strand	Attending	Edgar Y. Tenasas	RO
JANIR T. DATUKAN Assistant Secretary for Learning Systems Strand	Attending	Gaudencio C. Aljibe Jr.	Northern Samar
ATTY. EDSON BYRON K. SY OIC-Undersecretary for Finance	Not Attending	Carmelino P. Bernadas	Ormoc City
DR. MALCOLM S. GARMA Undersecretary for Operations		Robert N. Mangaliman	Biliran
DR. JOCELYN DR ANDAYA Assistant Secretary for Operations	Attending	Eloisa R. Zartiga	Borongan City
ATTY. FILEMON RAY L. JAVIER Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs		Jose O. Abon	Calbayog City

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DR. RONALD U. MENDOZA Undersecretary for Strategic Management		Raymund D. Capacite/Neil G. Alas	Eastern Samar
ATTY. GERARD CHAN Undersecretary for Support to the Implementation of Public-Private Partnerships	Not Attending	Isidro C. Catubig	Southern Leyte
ATTY. MARCELINO G. VELOSO III Assistant Secretary for Information and Communications	Not Attending	Raphi T. Anover	Leyte
DEXTER A. GALBAN Assistant Secretary for Strategic Management	Attending	Gorgonio G. Diaz	Borongan City
ROGER B. MASAPOL Assistant Secretary for Governance and Operations-Education Governance	Not Attending	Renato S. Cagomoc	Calbayog City
NILO L. ROSAS Assistant Secretary for Operations	Not Attending	Rosemarie M. Guino	RO
AURELIO PAULO "AP" BARTOLOME Assistant Secretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development		Elena S. De Luna	RO
RAFAELITA M. ALDABA Undersecretary	Not Attending	Mercedes D. Sarmiento	RO
DR. JENNIE V. JOCSON Executive Director of Teacher Education - Council Secretariat		Jo-Ann C. Rapada	Baybay City
B. CENTRAL OFFICE DIRECTORS			
DR. PETER MARC D. MAGSALIN Director IV	Attending	Arvin T. Elatico	Biliran
MA. GUIA M. DEL VALLE- RAMOSO Director III	Attending	Joel A. Zartiga	Samar
EBENEZER A. BELOY (OIC) Director III	Attending	Antonio P. De los Reyes	Northern Samar
GERSON MARVIN M. ABESAMIS Director IV	Attending	Alfredo M. Bayon	Southern Leyte

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C. REGIONAL AND ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTORS			
Estela P. Leon-Cariño, Director IV Regional Director	Not Attending	Ma. Luz I. Orbe	Catbalogan City
Rhoda T. Razon, Director III Assistant Regional Director	Not Attending	Maribel C. Ruedas	
Dr. Benjamin D. Paragas, Director IV Regional Director		Francia A. Tan	Samar
Florante E. Vergara, Director III Assistant Regional Director		Glendo T. Carido	
Tolentino G. Aquino, Director IV Regional Director		Nicolas G. Baylan	Eastern Samar
Jessie L. Amin, Director III Assistant Regional Director		Roy Aserit	
Carlito D. Rocafort, Director IV Regional Director		Alma Atibula & Jenebel Sevillano	Biliran
Loida N. Nidea, Director III Assistant Regional Director	Attending	Elaine Joy C. Mejia & Ma. Lourdes C. Batuto	
Ronnie S. Mallari, Director IV Regional Director	Attending	Evangeline D. Larao	Southern Leyte
Cherrylou D. Repia, Director III Assistant Regional Director	Attending	April Lyn V. Gaviola	
Gilbert T. Sadsad, Director IV Regional Director	Attending	Noe E. Hermosilla	Northern Samar
Bebiano I. Sentillas, Director III Assistant Regional Director		Sylvia D. Villanueva	
Cristito A. Eco, Director IV Regional Director		Alexander Olazo	Leyte
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Arturo B. Bayocot, Director IV Regional Director	Attending	Othniel Olino	Leyte
Atty. Fiel Y. Almendra, Director III Assistant Regional Director	Attending	Edgar Cativo	
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Dr. Federico P. Martin, Director III Assistant Regional Director		Gina Nasinopa	
Allan G. Farnazo, Director IV Regional Director	Attending	Lucena Cuervo	Leyte
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Atty. Alberto T. Escobarte, Director IV Regional Director	Attending	Alejandro S. Almendras	Ormoc City
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Nicolas T. Capulong, Director IV Regional Director	Attending	Richard Gabison	Leyte
Ronald B. Castillo, Director III Assistant Regional Director	Not Attending	Joy Pavo	
Hon. Mohagher M. Iqbal Regional Director	Not Attending	Jeffrey Sumaya	Maasin City
Dr. Johnny D. Balawag Assistant Regional Director	Attending	Roland Mendoza	
Dr. Ramir B. Uytico, CESO III, Director IV Regional Director		Chona V. Villarino	Leyte
Anthony H. Liobet, CESO V Assistant Regional Director		Franklin Viagedor	
Jocelyn DR Andaya, CESO III Regional Director	Attending	Eloisa R. Zartiga	Borongan City
Rita E. Riddle, CESO V Assistant Regional Director	Attending	Jennifer Ballena	