



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

October 7, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 366, s. 2025

2025 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID and SGOD Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Principals in-Charge
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
School Paper Advisers, both Public and Private Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 7079, also known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, this Schools Division hereby announces the conduct of the **2025 Division Schools Press Conference on November 13-15, 2025 at Catarman, N. Samar**, with the theme, "Campus Journalism in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (AI): Writing the Future Together".
2. The annual conference aims to:
 - a. Demonstrate understanding of journalism through skillful execution in various platforms (i.e. print, broadcast, online);
 - b. Promote the fair and ethical use of media as tenets of responsible journalism;
 - c. Foster camaraderie and enrich learning experiences through healthy and friendly competitions; and,
 - d. Provide learners with opportunities to apply the skills learned in campus journalism to their future careers.
3. The participants in this activity are elementary and high school student-writers/campus journalists from public and private schools, school paper advisers/coaches, NSESPAA and NSSPAA officers, district heads, division journalism coordinators, education program supervisors, and members of the Technical Working Group.
4. The 2025 DSPC activities shall include the following:
 - a. **Individual Contests (English and Filipino, Elementary and Secondary)**
 - i. News Writing
 - ii. Features Writing
 - iii. Editorial Writing
 - iv. Sports Writing

- v. Copyreading and Headline Writing
- vi. Science and Technology Writing
- vii. Photojournalism
- viii. Editorial Cartooning
- ix. Column Writing

b. Group Contests

- i. Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary)
- ii. Collaborative Desktop Publishing (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary)
- iii. Online Publishing (English and Filipino, secondary only)
- iv. TV Script Writing and Broadcasting (English and Filipino, secondary only)

5. The 2025 NSPC Contest Guidelines shall serve as the basis for the conduct of this year's DSPC, including the judging criteria for the different contest categories.

6. All participating schools are required to submit a copy of their school paper, which will be presented by the student writers/campus journalists during the contest proper and to be collected by the contest facilitator or TWG.

7. A campus journalist from public and private elementary and secondary schools shall be allowed to participate in only one (1) event, either in the individual or group category, and in only one medium—English or Filipino.

8. The top five (5) winners in all contest events, including the school paper category shall be recognized; however, only the top three (3) winners in individual contest category and the top one (1) in group contest category shall represent the Division to the 2026 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) on December 1-5, 2025 in Sogod, Southern Leyte.

9. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

10. Should the school decide to participate in the school paper contest category, submission of entries either soft or hard copy is on or before **November 7, 2025**. For the hard copy, submission will be at the CID office; whereas, for soft copy through cidnorthernsamar@gmail.com.

11. Checking of laptops, SD Cards, flash drives, cameras and other equipment to be used for TV Script Writing and Broadcasting, Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting, Collaborative Desktop Publishing, Online Publishing and Photojournalism will be on **November 13, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM only at Catarman I CS Covered Court**.

12. The management committee shall not be liable for any damages or losses of personal belongings. Participants are advised to take the necessary precautions to safeguard their property. By participating in this activity, participants accept these terms.

13. All participants shall accomplish the pre-registration link at <https://bit.ly/2025DSPCPREREGISTRATION> on or before **November 10, 2025**. The responses will serve as the basis for assigning billeting classrooms, preparing contest materials, and making other logistical arrangements.

14. A registration fee of One Hundred Pesos (Php100.00) for each school paper adviser/coach and One Hundred Pesos (Php 100.00) for each student-writer shall be

paid in advance, preferably on or before **November 11, 2025**, by the participating schools through the **DepEd Northern Samar Cashier's Office** to help defray the expenses for the conduct of the DSPC. On the other hand, the registration fee, travelling expenses, meal allowance and other incidental expenses to be incurred by all student-writers and school paper advisers relative to this activity shall be charged against school MOOE/local funds/journalism fund, or special education fund, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

15. This year's DSPC will formally commence with an opening parade on **November 13, 2025, at exactly 7:00 A.M.** to be participated in by all delegates from the 46 districts. The assembly area for the parade will be at the **Sacred Heart Plaza, Catarman, N. Samar**. Immediately after, a grand entrance of all the delegates, wearing their respective Press Nortehanaon T-shirts or school uniform, will take place at the **Catarman Freedom Park, Catarman, N. Samar**.

16. A consultative meeting on the conduct of the 2025 Division Schools Press Conference, to be attended by all school paper advisers both in elementary and secondary public and private schools, and NSESPAA and NSSPAA officers, is scheduled on **November 10, 2025 at 9:00 AM at Catarman I Central School Covered Court, Catarman, N. Samar**. (No meals and snacks will be served)

17. Relative to the conduct of 2025 DSPC, classes that will be affected due to the participation of the learners and advisers and those of the host schools shall be subject to alternative delivery mode or modular approach. Moreover, District Heads and School Heads should provide all learner-contestants who are attending the DSPC due recognition in accordance with the applicable DepEd policy on awards and assessment to make up for class performance, projects, assignments, quizzes, and other requirements that the participants have missed.

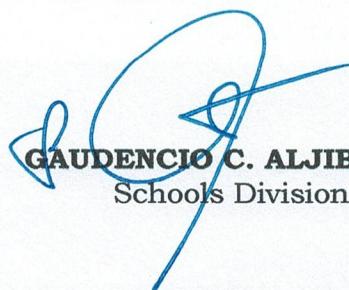
18. Since this is a face-to-face activity, parental consent shall be secured for all student/learner-contestants by their respective advisers or delegation heads. The signed consent forms shall be submitted to the TWG assigned to the Registration Committee upon arrival at the venue.

19. All participants are required to prepare their own bedding and food provisions for the duration of the activity.

20. Attached are the Contest Mechanics in School Paper Category, Matrix of Activities, Program Management Team, List of Officers of Northern Samar Elementary School Paper Advisers Association (NSESPAA) and Northern Samar Secondary School Paper Advisers Association (NSSPAA), and Registration Form to be submitted in two (2) copies to the Cashier's Office.

21. This Memorandum shall serve as the Authority to Travel for all participants throughout the various phases of this year's DSPC.

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



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Schools Division Superintendent



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Enclosure No. 01 to Division Memorandum, No. 304, s. 2025

SCHOOL PAPER CATEGORY CONTEST MECHANICS

1. The School Paper Contest Category for both elementary and secondary levels, shall be adjudicated based on the 2025 NSPC Guidelines, evaluated per section and per medium, to wit:

ENGLISH	FILIPINO
News Section	Pahinang Balitang
Editorial Section	Pahinang Editoryal
Features Section	Pahinang Lathalain
Sports Section	Pahinang Pampalakasan
Science and Technology Section	Pahinang Agham at Teknolohiya
Layout and Page Design Category	Kategoryang Pag-aanyo at Disenyo ng Pahina

2. The technical specifications for both Elementary and Secondary levels are as follows:

1. No. of pages: Minimum of 12 and Maximum of 20
News Section - at least 3
Sports Section - at least 2
Feature Section - at least 3
Editorial Section - at least 2
Science and Technology Section - at least 2
2. Process: Digital
3. Color: All pages in full color
4. Size: 9"x12" (Elementary)
12"x18" (Secondary)

3. Submission of School Papers in every category shall be duly certified to be widely circulated, properly screened for plagiarism, and endorsed by the School Head, noted by the District Head.

4. Top five school papers per category and medium shall be declared as winners.

5. The schools and school paper advisers with winning entries shall receive certificates of recognition. Should there be more than one school paper advisers listed in the publication, only the first school paper adviser mentioned shall receive the certificate.



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Enclosure No. 02 to Division Memorandum, No. 366, s. 2025

2025 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE
November 13-15, 2025

MATRIX OF ACTIVITIES

Day 0, November 12, 2025			
TIME	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	VENUE
1:00 pm	Arrival	All delegations	Designated Billeting Quarters per Pre-Online Registration Link
Day 1, November 13, 2025			
6:00 am	Assembly and Preparation for the Parade	All delegates	Sacred Heart Plaza (assembly area)
7:00 am	Parade	All delegates	Town Proper
8:00 am	Grand Entrance	All delegations with the Management and Guests	Catarman Freedom Park
9:00 am	Opening Program	All delegations with the Management and Staff	Catarman Freedom Park
10:30 - 10:45 am	Break/Preparations of Contest Materials and Paraphernalia		
10:45 am- 12:00 pm	Individual Contests (English & Filipino) - NEWS WRITING - FEATURE WRITING - EDITORIAL WRITING	Contestants (Elementary and Secondary) Coaches Facilitators and TWG	Catarman SPED Center
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch Break		
1:00-2:15pm	Individual Contests (English & Filipino) -SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WRITING - COLUMN WRITING -COPYREADING AND HEADLINE WRITING	Contestants (Elementary and Secondary) Coaches Facilitators and TWG	Catarman SPED Center
2:15-4:00pm	-EDITORIAL CARTOONING -SPORTS WRITING		
3:30 pm	-PHOTOJOURNALISM		

Day 2, November 14, 2025			
7:30 am	<p>Group Contests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Desktop Publishing - Radio Scriptwriting (elementary) - TV Scriptwriting (Secondary only) <p>(Simulation of Broadcast/ Newscast)</p>	Contestants Facilitators and TWG	<p>Catarman I Central School</p> <p>Catarman SPED Center</p> <p>Bulwagan ng mga Guro</p>
	<p>Group Contests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Online Publishing (Secondary only) -Radio Scriptwriting (secondary) <p>(Simulation of Broadcast/ Newscast)</p>	Contestants Facilitators and TWG	<p>Catarman II Central School</p> <p>Catarman Freedom Park</p>
Day 3, November 15, 2025			
9:00 am	Wrap-up, Awarding and Closing Ceremony	All delegations with the Management	Catarman Freedom Park

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PROGRAM MANAGEMENT TEAM

Dr. Gaudencio C. Aljibe, Jr., CESO VI- Schools Division Superintendent
Dr. Rey F. Bulawan, Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Dr. Noe M. Hermosilla- Chief, SGOD
Dr. Sylvia D. Villanueva- Chief, Cid
Dr. Myra L. Bato- Journalism Coordinator (Filipino)
Dr. Felix J. Ladeño- Journalism Coordinator (English)
Dr. Alex B. Rejuso – Contest Supervisor
Dr. Nelida M. Lobos- Contest Supervisor
Dr. Emily M. Adrayan- Contest Supervisor
Dr. Lucila R. Balondo- Contest Supervisor
Dr. Omar Ty – Contest Supervisor
Dr. Dionesia Mercader- Contest Supervisor
Dr. Nestor Ada - Contest Supervisor
Dr. Mary Jane Aguirre- Contest Facilitator
Dr. Arnio Saludario - Contest Facilitator
Ruth Capaz - Contest Facilitator
Brenda Villadolid - Contest Facilitator
Elena Flores - Contest Facilitator
Alma Solayao - Contest Facilitator
Raquel Perfas - Contest Facilitator
Arnoldo Rosales - Contest Facilitator

Enclosure 04 to Division Memorandum No 306, s. 2025

Northern Samar Elementary School Paper Advisers Association

PRESIDENT	:	Sumaty C. Lopega
VICE PRESIDENT	:	Jason Tarrayo
SECRETARY	:	Maricar Cula
TREASURER	:	Fe Irinco
AUDITOR	:	Mark Kim Jazmin
BUS. MANAGER	:	Michelle Alzate
		Lito Magampo
PIOs	:	Avelyn C. Ignacio
		Rosemarie T. Delmoro

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Balicuatro Area	:	Ronald E. Matnog
Central Area	:	Mario Esoelimbergo
Pacific Area	:	Riza Calvo

Northern Samar Secondary School Paper Advisers Association

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AUDITOR	:	Nolly Nacis
BUS. MANAGER	:	Don Redentor Evasco
PIOs	:	Napolion Fajardo
		Brent Anthony Coquia
		Aubrey Jane Batiles

Board of Directors

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Central Area	:	Jeffrey Basierto
Pacific Area	:	Nino Rodel Pecayo

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2025 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

Catarman, N. Samar
November 13-15, 2025

REGISTRATION FORM

District: _____
School: _____

Name (Student-Writers)	Contest-Category	Amount Paid
1.		
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3.		
4.		
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9.		
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11.		
12.		
13.		
14.		
15.		
Teacher-Adviser/Coach		
1.		
2.		
3.		
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS =		TOTAL AMOUNT PAID Php

Note: Please use an extra sheet for the remaining contestants/coaches if needed. Kindly provide one copy to the Cashier's Office for reference and documentation purposes.

Prepared by:

Signature over Printed Name of Delegation Head