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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SARANGANI

14 Aug 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2026-135

2026 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Concerned

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 7079, otherwise known as the *Campus Journalism Act of 1991*, the Department of Education – Sarangani Division shall conduct the 2026 Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) on September 5–6, 2026, in the Municipality of Kiamba, in preparation for the 2026 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC).
2. The Municipality of Kiamba shall serve as the host of this year's DSPC. Competition and program venues will include the Municipal Gymnasium, Municipal Hall, Kiamba Central Integrated School SPED Center, Kiamba National High School, and other nearby public and private schools.
3. All public and private schools are enjoined to participate in the various competition categories. Schools that are not yet prepared to compete are encouraged to attend and observe the individual and group contests.
4. This activity aims to:
 - a. demonstrate understanding of the importance of journalism by expressing it through different journalistic endeavors and approaches;
 - b. sustain advocacy on social consciousness;
 - c. provide a venue for an enriching learning experience for students' interest in Journalism as a career;
 - d. promote responsible journalism experiences and ethical use of social media;
 - e. enhance journalistic competencies and implementation of the Special Program in Journalism while building self-confidence in learning responsible Journalism; and
 - f. maximize learners' participation in school and division levels; and select qualifiers who shall represent the division at the 2026 Regional Schools Press Conference.
5. Participation in the 2026 Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) shall be governed by the following:
 - a. Each school may register a maximum of three (3) participants per individual event in both English and Filipino for the elementary and





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- secondary levels. Each participant may join a maximum of two (2) individual events and one (1) group event only.
- b. For the elementary level, each school is allowed one (1) team per medium (English and Filipino) in Radio Broadcasting and Collaborative Desktop Publishing.
 - c. For the secondary level, each school is allowed one (1) team per medium (English and Filipino) in Radio Broadcasting, Collaborative Publishing, Online Publication, and TV Broadcasting.
 - d. Special Program in Journalism (SPJ) implementing schools shall field separate teams for Radio Broadcasting and TV Broadcasting in both English and Filipino Elementary and Secondary.
 - e. All group events shall consist of seven (7) members, except for Online Publication, which shall have five (5) members per team. While, there shall only be at most of two (2) coaches per event.
 - f. All gadgets and required materials for the competition must be submitted on the Day 0 or prior to the scheduled competition. Specifically, from afternoon to evening between 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. only.
 - g. For TV Broadcasting, only two (2) reports may be pre-recorded or canned, including materials from the mini-press conference. The introduction, infomercial, and outro may also be pre-recorded; however, all groups must present their output through a live broadcast.
 - h. Individual events shall follow the following mechanism:
 - i. Round 1 (August 29, 2026: 8:00 a.m.–10:30 am for Filipino and 10:30 to 12:00 for English will be conducted per Municipality. Details for the said competition will be issued through a separate memorandum) – Selection of qualifiers for Round 2 based on standards.
 - ii. Round 2 (September 5, 2026: 8:00–12:00 noon) – Final round for qualifiers and selection of the Top 7 finalists.
 - iii. Qualifiers will be announced before September 5, 2026 through the official Facebook page of DepEd Sarangani. Schools may opt to allow the Non-qualifiers to join or witness the activities on September 5- 6, 2026 at Kiamba, subject to the approval of the School Head and parents.
 - iv. Each event contestant shall have only one (1) coach.
 - v. For the MOJO (Mobile Journalism) event, there shall be only one (1) representative per medium per school:
 1. * One (1) English MOJO participant per school
 2. * One (1) Filipino MOJO participant per school
 - i. Each school must register online on or before August 21, 2026. The registration link will be provided through the official group chat. The signed hard copy of the participant list must be submitted to the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) Office on or before August 25, 2026. The registration template may be accessed at: <https://bit.ly/DSPC2025RegTemplate>.
 - j. Only one (1) designated School Paper Adviser or Coach per school shall be authorized to access and complete the official registration





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form. Schools are advised to carefully review all entries before submission. Once the registration form has been submitted, no changes, corrections, or substitutions shall be allowed.

6. The encoded participants per school through the official online registration shall serve as the final and official list of participants for all events. Schools that fail to submit their registration will not be allowed to participate in the competitions.

7. Each school shall secure a Certification of Circulation using the enclosed template. This certification, along with the approved registration form, shall be submitted before the release of the entry slip for each contestant or group.

8. For the school paper contests, all schools are encouraged to submit their complete entries in PDF format with a minimum of 6 pages paper on or before August 29, 2026. School Paper entries must be led by one (1) School Paper Adviser (SPA) per Medium with two (2) assistants or Section Heads. The submission link will be announced in the official group chat.

9. For the Outstanding Campus Journalist and Outstanding School Paper Adviser awards (Elementary and Secondary levels), all qualified student writers and advisers shall submit their documents on or before September 3, 2026. Guidelines are based on the Revised Guidelines for NSPC 2025, accessible here: <https://bit.ly/DSPC2025OutstandingCJandSPA>.

10. The Top 7 winners in individual events, Top 3 winners in group events, and Top 5 winners in the school paper category shall be recognized. The Top 5 individual winners and school paper awardees, as well as the 1st Place winners in all group events, shall represent the Division in the 2026 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC). Separate sets of winners shall be declared for Radio Broadcasting and TV Broadcasting under the Special Program in Journalism (SPJ) implementing schools.

11. To ensure that training and coaching do not disrupt regular classes, please observe the following:

- a. One-on-one coaching and other forms of focused coaching may be conducted from 3:00 PM onwards, provided that regular classes are not disrupted.
- b. During ARAL time, while other learners are attending their ARAL classes, campus journalists may be pulled out for focused coaching, as appropriate and with proper coordination.
- c. District- or municipality-wide trainings may be conducted during weekends.
- d. Other schedules for coaching and training may be proposed, provided that these are approved by the School Head and covered by the necessary parental consent.





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- e. For external trainings, immersions, or activities conducted through partnerships with other organizations, necessary approval from the CID Chief and SDS before participation is required.

12. Student-contestants from elementary to senior high school are eligible to join the competition. As part of the requirements, membership in the Association of School Paper Advisers, Journalism Coaches, and Campus Journalists of Sarangani, Inc. (ASPAJCCJSI) from the division to the regional and national levels must be secured. Each coach and student journalist must register with the association. The membership fee shall not be charged to local MOOE funds but may be covered by personal contributions or other available sources. An official receipt and list of registered participants per district will be issued during registration. Strictly, failure to obtain official membership, secure an official membership ID, and complete the registration process shall be grounds for disqualification.

13. The specific guidelines per event, both individual and group, shall follow the provisions stated in the “2026 National Schools Press Conference” memorandum. Reference link: <https://bit.ly/NSPC2026Guidelines>



14. Training materials for journalism may be accessed for reference at: <https://bit.ly/JOURNMAT>.

15. Enclosed is the list of TWG members and program matrix for easy reference.

16. Participation shall observe the no-disruption-of-classes policy (DO No. 9, s. 2005) and the guidelines on off-campus activities (DO No. 66, s. 2017).

17. Compensatory Time Off (CTO) or Service Credits (SC) may be granted to non-teaching and teaching personnel rendering services during weekends or holidays, subject to the provisions of DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2023 (*Updated Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers*) and CSC-DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2025 (*Policies and Guidelines on Overtime Services and Overtime Pay for Government Employees*). This may be granted considering the following:

- a. For school, district, and municipal-level activities conducted beyond regular office or class hours, a Letter of Authority to Conduct Activities Beyond Regular Working Time shall be secured for all official journalism-related activities and duties, subject to the approval of the Schools Division Superintendent.
- b. For Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) activities, all related activities conducted during weekends, holidays, or beyond regular working hours shall be considered official journalism-related duties.





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Such activities may include, but are not limited to, solidarity meetings, orientations, preparations, coaching and training sessions, technical meetings, contest proper, deliberations, award ceremonies, and other related activities conducted in preparation for and during the DSPC.

18. All expenses related to the conduct of the 2026 Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) and the participation of qualifiers in the 2026 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) shall be charged against local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

19. School-level expenses incurred for the preparation and participation in the said activities may be charged to School MOOE, SEF, or other available local funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing policies.

20. For inquiries, contact John Jerson P. Constantino, EPS at 09285059602 and Analiza A. Domingo, EPS at 09496736243.

21. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

RUTH L. ESTACIO, PhD., CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated

Reference: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

under the following subjects:

JOURNALISM
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

JJPC/CID-IMS/MLA -2026 Division Schools Press Conference
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Enclosure no 1

ACTIVITY MATRIX
Division Schools Press Conference 2026

Time	Activity	In-charge	Venue
August 29, 2026			
8:00 to 12:00 noon	Round 1 for Individual Events	Assigned TWG per Municipality	Designated Schools per Municipality
September 4, 2026			
3:00 to 4:00 pm	Arrival to Billeting Quarters	Host Schools	Designated Billeting Quarters per Municipality
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Checking of Gadgets for Group events and Photjournalism	TWG and Proctors	Designated Rooms or Contest Venues
6:00 to 8:00 pm	Registration and Solidarity Meeting of all coaches and SPAs	Core Team	Kiamba Municipal Gym
September 5, 2026			
8:00 – 10:00	Individual Events - News, - Editorial Cartooning, - Photojournalism, - Sci Tech Writing - Sports Writing	Identified Proctors	Kiamba NHS
10:00 – 12:00	Individual Events - Editorial Writing, - Feature Writing, - Copyreading and Headline Writing - Column Writing	Identified Proctors	Kiamba NHS
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Feedbacking Session with the Judges	Judges	Kiamba CES Gym
7:00- 9:00 am	Mini Press Conference	DPMT	Kiamba NHS Gym
9:00 -12:00	Start of Radio Broadcasting, TV Broadcasting, Desktop Publishing, Online Publishing	Proctors and DPMT	Kiamba NHS Gym, Kiamba CES Gym, Kiamba CEs and NHS and Municipal Kiamba Gym
12:00 – 4:00	Concurrent Sessions Continuation of Group Competitions	Proctors and DPMT	Kiamba NHS Gym, Kiamba CES Gym, Kiamba CEs and NHS and Municipal Kiamba Gym
4:00 – 7:00 pm	Presentation/ Broadcasting of TV and Radio Broadcasting	Proctors and DPMT	Kiamba NHS Gym, Kiamba CES Gym, Kiamba CEs and NHS and Municipal Kiamba Gym
September 6, 2026			
8:00 – 12:00	Feedbacking Session for School Paper and Group Events	Judges	Kiamba CES Gym
1:00 – :00	Awarding of School Paper, Individual and Group Events	SPAs and CJs by the Association of SPAs	Gym
4:00 -5:00	Home Sweet Home		

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This is to certify further that all articles published in this paper are the contributions from the writers and contributors/campusjournalists and will be circulated in the School.

This certification is issued for whatever legal purpose it may serve best.

This certification is given this _____ day of _____, 2026 at _____.

Prepared by:

School Paper Adviser

Noted by:

School Head

Note: attach school paper/newsletter/fb posting/picture in bulletin board or any other form of publication



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