



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region V
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SORSOGON

May 2, 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 086, s. 2023

**2023 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE
(Elementary and Secondary)**

To : Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors/ OIC PSDSs
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
School Paper Advisers
Campus Journalists
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) 7079, otherwise known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, released through DepEd Order No. 94, s. 2023 and Regional Memorandum No. 59, 2023, which stipulates the holding of the annual elementary, secondary or tertiary Schools Press Conference, this Office through the Sorsogon Organization of School Publication (SOSPI), Inc. announces the conduct of **2023 Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC)** on **May 18-20, 2023** at **Gubat National High School, Gubat, Sorsogon**.
2. This year's DSPC will focus on the theme, *"From Campus Journalism to Real-World Journalism: Shaping Minds from Schools to Societies."*
3. The press conference shall be conducted to:
 - a. demonstrate understanding of journalism through skillful execution in various platforms (i.e., print. Broadcast, online);
 - b. recognize the role of journalism in advocating for social consciousness and environmental awareness;
 - c. promote fair and ethical use of media as tenets of responsible journalism;
 - d. foster camaraderie and enrich learning experiences through healthy and friendly competitions, and
 - e. provide opportunities for learners to use skills learned in campus journalism for their future careers.
4. The DSPC activities shall include the following:



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- a. Individual Contests (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary)
 - i. Newswriting
 - 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 Scriptwriting 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)
 - c. School Paper Contests (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary in PDF)
 - d. Awarding of Outstanding School Paper Advisers (SPAs) and Campus Journalists (CJs)
6. Each municipality is expected to field the top 3 winners in each event/ medium/category and 1 team composed of 5 members per medium to participate in the DSPC from whom the top 3 to represent the Division to the Regional Schools Press Conference shall be named; hence, it is expected that lower level eliminations shall have been conducted (date and venue to be decided by all concerned officials) prior to the division tilt.
7. Learners at the elementary and secondary levels (both junior and senior high schools). Considering that the activity will be conducted via face-to-face modality, a written permit must be secured from the parents indicating consent of their child's participation. The parent's permit should be collected and submitted to the registration committee upon arrival on May 18, 2023.
8. A campus journalist should be accompanied by his/her school paper adviser/ coach can participate in only one event, either in an individual or group category.
9. Pertinent documents of the applicants for the Search for Outstanding School Paper Advisers and Campus Journalists and schools that will join in the school paper contest should submit their entries to this Office on or before May 19, 2023.



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10. A registration fee of Two Hundred Pesos (Php 200.00) shall be collected from each participant to cover honorarium of speakers and facilitators, supplies and materials, meals and accommodation of staff and other incidental expenses. All expenses relative to the participation in this Conference shall be charged against local/ school MOOE/ Special Education Funds (SEF) or the School Journalism Funds, whichever is applicable.
11. To ensure a smooth and organized conduct of the DSPC, there will be a planning conference to be participated in by the officers of Sorsogon Organization of School Publication (SOSPI), Inc. and other concerned officials on May 4, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. onwards at the New Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Division Office.
12. In the conduct of press conferences, all participants are reminded to observe health protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone. Face masks should always be worn, and hand sanitizers or alcohol should be kept on hand. Physical distancing shall also be consistently observed.
13. Considering that May 20, 2023 falls on a Saturday, all teacher-participants are entitled to a one-day vacation service credit, in congruence to the provisions set in DepEd No. 53, 2003, re: updated Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers. On the other hand, the non-teaching personnel are entitled to receive Compensatory Overtime Credit (COC) for the accrued number of hours rendered on the same date, as provided in CSC & DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004, re: Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Services Rendered.
14. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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