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Department of Education
REGION II-CAGAYAN VALLEY

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 479 ,s.2026

2026-2027 REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (RSPC)

To: Schools Division Superintendents
School heads, Public and Private
Directors, State Universities and Colleges

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) Regional Office 2, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division announces the **2026-2027 Regional Schools Press Conference** on December 8-11, 2026 with the theme **"Mapanuri, Mapanindigan at Mapanagutang Pamamahayag",** to be hosted by the **Schools Division of Santiago City** in collaboration with the **City Government of Santiago City.**

2. Since there has been no issuance yet of the 2027 NSPC guidelines, all events shall still follow the 2026 NSPC guidelines with some revisions as follows:

a. Individual Contests
i. There shall be two (2) rounds of individual writing except for photojournalism and copyediting and headline writing;
ii. Photojournalism: bag and go cameras will be permitted however, smartphones are not permitted.
iii. Mobile journalism contest for secondary level

b. Team Contests
For the collaborative and desktop publishing elementary, contestants shall use the Scribus as the editing application.

3. The following is schedule of submission of documents:

Document Name	Submitted to	Deadline and Important Reminders
Top 10 Division winners/entries for the School Paper Contests in portable document format	DepEd Regional Office 02 addressed to the Curriculum and Learning Management	**November 26, 2026** ***(until 5:00 PM only)*** • Division entries should be uploaded to this link:

Address: Regional Government Center, Carig Sur, Tuguegarao City, 3500
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ORLANDO E. MANUEL PhD., CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent
By: ASDS CID Chief SGOD Chief AO Atty: Signature:

(PDF) duly endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent	Division	tinyurl.com/RSPCSPC on or before the day of the deadline. • **Late entries shall not be accepted.**
• **Complete Official List of official participants and their coaches**	RO addressed to: **BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS, PhD, CESO III** Director IV/Regional Director	**November 26, 2026** • The official list shall be signed by the SDS. • If there are last-minute changes in the list of contestants, a justification/ certification duly signed by the SDS/Head of Delegation shall be submitted to the chair of the RTWG prior to the RSPC.

B. Schedule of Pre-RSPC Activities

Activity	Date/Venue	Participants
1.First Ocular Visit	November 12, 2026 SDO Santiago City	CLMD Chief RO Focal Person SDO Santiago City
2.Second Ocular Visit	December 4, 2026 SDO Santiago City	CLMD Chief RO Focal Person Host SDO
3.Complete Staff Work	November 27, 2026 Online	CLMD RTWG
4.Orientation of BOJ	December 4, 2026 (Online)	CLMD, BOJ
5. Meeting of Focal Persons, RTWG, DTWG Officers	December 8, 2026 SDO Santiago City	

4. The participants in this activity are learners from both public and private elementary and secondary schools and laboratory basic education schools of state colleges and universities in the region with their official coaches. Other participants include the DepED Regional/Division Key Officials, CID/SGOD Chiefs, Education Program Supervisors, Division Journalism Coordinators, officers of the Cagayan Valley Regional Campus Journalism Advocates, and members of the Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG), advisers of school paper contests, SPAs for concurrent sessions and judges.

5. Official participants to the 2026-2027 RSPC shall be the **top 3 winners** in individual contests and **champion** in identified group contests category only. The 2026 NSPC individual winners shall have a separate spot in the RSPC list of entries while 2026 NSPC Champion in Group event winners shall have retained at least 50% of the previous composite team to qualify them for an additional spot. There shall be separate contestants for the individual writing contest and the group contest. Teacher category must come from the attendees in the CVRCJA Concurrent Session and paid the association fee only.

6. There shall be no registration fee for this year's RSPC. All expenses relative to the conduct of this activity such as supplies and materials, certificates, trophies, honoraria of evaluators, meals, and snacks of the RTWG and judges, and other incidental expenses shall be charged against Program Support Fund (PSF), the Regional MOOE and subsidy funds from the host division/local government unit. Meals and snacks of participants shall be arranged by their own Schools Division Offices. Traveling expenses and other incidental expenses of all participants shall be charged against school/division MOOE and other local funds such as canteen funds, school paper fund subject to usual government auditing and accounting rules and regulations.

7. The Regional Campus Journalism Advocates of Region 02 shall collect an amount of Php 60.00 from each participating campus journalist and Php 150.00 from each school paper adviser. The said membership fee shall cover 70% expenses of the related events of the organization and other incidental expenses during the conduct of the RSPC and NSPC 2026 while 30% shall be for the membership fee to be remitted to the National SPA Association, respectively.

8. Each Division Association President shall facilitate the collection and remittance of membership fee with the corresponding Official List of Registered Participants. The said documents shall be submitted to the RCJAR02 Treasurer: Ms. Myra Candaroma on or before November 26, 2026.

9. The coaches shall claim the Category Pass and Membership ID from the RCJAR02 Treasurer one week before the conduct of the RSPC. The said pass will serve as an admission slip to the contest venue.

10. Each division is expected to submit the required documents using the format provided in the following format:

a. School paper entries-
   a.1 Division winners/entries for the School Paper Contests in portable document format (PDF) duly endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent and to facilitate judges for rating the papers

a.2. Follow the file name format: Name of School Pub_School
e.g. School Pub Name_News_Eng-Elem

b. Complete list of participants and coaches shall be encoded in MS Excel following the desired format.

Rank	Complete Name of Student	Gender	School	Name of School Publication	Coach	Gender	Division

11. In the event that the scheduled activity falls on a regular holiday or special non-working day, authorized personnel who rendered services shall be entitled to earn one (1) day of Service Credit or Compensatory Overtime Credit (COC), as applicable, subject to existing DepEd and Civil Service Commission guidelines.

12. Should you have any queries or concerns, please email us clmd.region2@deped.gov.ph.

13. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Director IV/Regional Director

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DATE: 11-10-2026
BY:
RECORDS SECTION

For the Regional Director:

JOY T. SORIANO PhD
Chief, QAD
Officer-in-Charge

Encl.: None
References: 2026 NSPC GUIDELINES
To be included in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subject:

CONFERENCE STUDENT CAMPUS JOURNALISM

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