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Department of Education

REGION XII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SOUTH COTABATO

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

07 March 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID No. **030**, s. 2023

To: Public Schools District Supervisors/ Principals In-Charge
Elementary and Secondary School Administrators
School Paper Advisers
All Others Concerned

2023 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

1. In preparation for the scheduled 2023 Regional Schools Press Conference on April 14-15 and 29, 2023, this schools division shall conduct the 2023 Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) at Tupi Central Elementary School and Tupi National High School on March 24-26, 2023.
2. The conference with the theme, “Transformative Journalism: Honing Change Drivers, Designing the Future” aims to:
 - a. highlight the significant role of campus journalism in empowering the Campus Journalists (CJs) and School Paper Advisers (SPAs) towards national progress by sustaining advocacy on social consciousness;
 - b. provide a venue for an enriching learning experience and enhance the journalistic competence of pupil and student writers through simulation exercises and friendly competition;
 - c. demonstrate understanding of the importance of journalism by expressing it through different journalistic endeavors and approaches;
 - d. promote responsible journalism experiences and ethical use of social media;
 - e. enhance competencies and implementation of the Special Program in Journalism while building self-confidence in learning responsible Journalism;

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- f. select qualifiers who shall represent the Division for RSPC.
3. Participants in the 2023 DSPC are the first place winners of School-based Press Conference on different individual writing contests such as News Writing, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, Sports Writing, Copy Reading and Headline Writing, Editorial Cartooning, Photojournalism, and Science & Technology Writing, and column writing in English and Filipino of both elementary and secondary levels (Junior and Senior High Schools).
4. For group competitions, all schools may join the Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting contest, Collaborative Desktop Publishing (for elementary and secondary), Online Publishing Contest, TV Script Writing and Broadcasting Contest (for secondary only).
5. SPJ schools shall have a separate competition for Radio Broadcasting and TV Broadcasting (secondary) and Radio broadcasting (elementary) as additional Division entry for RSPC.
6. Deadline for the submission of documents for Outstanding School Paper Advisers and Campus Journalists shall be on March 22, 2023 while e-copy of school papers (in a USB) shall be on March 20, 2023, 5:00 p.m. *Attention: Zynafe V. Caijo, Division Education Program Supervisor (for English entries) and Attention: Hermie M. Jarra, Division Education Program Supervisor (for Filipino entries).*
7. While no registration fee shall be collected from the participants, transportation and other related expenses of the participants are chargeable against local/school/campus journalism and other available funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. All delegations are expected to be at the venue on March 24, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. for the Opening Program (Tupi CES) and submission of laptops for group contests (at Tupi NHS) followed with the actual contests.
9. Like DepEd SOCCSKSARGEN, SDSC recognizes and respects Intellectual Property Rights and hereby reiterates adherence to the rule concerning plagiarism. This Division emphasizes its stand to disqualify school papers found to have copied and published texts, graphics, and other materials without duly acknowledging their sources. The disqualification covers all sections of the school paper whether they are published in print or electronic copy.

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10. The school papers shall be submitted in a pdf copies and shall be run in a plagiarism check with a minimum of 15% of plagiarism and text similarity.

11. The Division shall strictly follow the “No School Paper, No Student Contestant” policy. No contestant shall be allowed to compete in the DSPC unless he/she can present his/her school’s I.D. and duly signed Certificate of Circulation. The proctor/s shall be responsible for checking this prior to the actual contest. Only then shall the contestant/s be allowed to join in the contest.

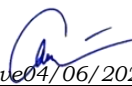
12. All personnel concerned are advised to refer to these enclosures for guidance and reference.

- a. Enclosure No. 1 General Guidelines in Conduct of 2023 DSPC
- b. Enclosure No. 2 General Guidelines for School Paper Contest
- c. Enclosure No. 3 General Guidelines for Group Contest
- d. Enclosure No. 4 Guidelines for the Search for Outstanding SPAs, CJs

13. As some activities fall on weekends, all personnel involved are entitled to Compensatory Time off or service credits in accordance with Civil Service and DBM joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004 on **Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Service Rendered** or DO 53, s. 2003 on **Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers**.

14. Since Tupi CES and Tupi NHS will be used as contest venues for DSPC, classes will be suspended on March 24, 2023 (Friday) which shall be replaced with Saturday classes anytime thereafter where personnel of the schools shall be given service credits as stated in the previously cited DO.

15. An ocular inspection of the contest venues, preparation of contest materials, and orientation of proctors shall be done at both schools on **March 21, 2023** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This shall be attended by the following Technical Working Group members:


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John Lawrence Panding	Upper Tantangan IS	Tantangan 2
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16. For clarifications and inquiries, personnel concerned may contact Zynafe V. Caijo, Education Program Supervisor through zynafe.caijo@deped.gov.ph and Hermie M. Jarra, Education Program Supervisor through hermie.jarra@deped.gov.ph.

17. For dissemination, information, and guidance of all concerned.


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Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: As stated
Reference: N o n e
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the subject

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