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Department of Education

REGION I  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF ALAMINOS CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**  
**DM-2023-290**



TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)  
Chief, Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)  
Education Program Supervisors, English and Filipino  
Heads of Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All others concerned

SUBJECT: **DIVISION PARTICIPATION IN THE 2023 REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (RSPC)**

FROM : Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DATE : June 13, 2023

1. In support of DepEd Memorandum No. 24, s. 2023 titled 2023 National Schools Press Conference (NSPC), which reinstates the conduct of the National Schools Press Conference as mandated in Republic Act (RA) 7079, also known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, this Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division, will host and participate in the Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) on June 15-17, 2023.
2. This year's RSPC which is anchored on the theme, *From Campus Journalism to Real-World Journalism: Shaping Minds from Schools to Societies*, will be participated in by more than two thousand campus journalists and their school paper advisers, including the 127-member contingent of the Schools Division Office.
3. Relative to this, all concerned School Heads are strongly urged to provide the necessary support to the 96 campus journalists and their school paper advisers who will be battling it out with Region I's best campus writers. All the first-place winners in the 2023 RSPC will represent Region I in the National Schools Press Conference in Cagayan De Oro City on July 17-21, 2023.
4. Each student-participant from the SDO is requested to submit upon registration signed Indemnity Agreement (*Enclosure 1*) and Parental Consent (*Enclosure 2*), with the Certificate of Circulation (*Enclosure 3*) duly certified by the School Head.
5. The registration for SDO Alaminos City participants will be at the SDO Library Hub on June 14, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon, while the checking and sealing of laptops, cameras, cellphones, memory cards, and USB flash drives will

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be from 1:00 to 5:00 PM (strictly no extension) on the same date, and also at the Library Hub.

6. The expenses of the official participants shall be charged against the school's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE)/local funds or the School Campus Journalism Fund, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. School Paper Advisers who will attend the activity, as well as all teaching and non-teaching personnel who are/were involved in the various RSPC-related committee work, both at the SDO and school levels, are entitled to service credit/compensatory time-off (CTO) corresponding to the number of actual days rendered on weekends and holidays.
8. School Paper Advisers are reminded to exercise extra diligence and prudence in ensuring the safety, security and general welfare of their contestants throughout the event.
8. For information, guidance, widest dissemination, and compliance.

**VIVIAN LUZ S. PAGATPATAN, CESO VI**  
*Assistant Schools Division Superintendent*  
*Officer-In-Charge*  
*Schools Division Superintendent*

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(Enclosure 1 to DM \_\_\_\_ s. 2023)

**Indemnity Agreement**

By signing this agreement, I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as the "Author," hereby grant permission to the Department of Education Regional Office I (DepEd RO I) to publish my output or article, hereinafter referred to as the "Work," on its official website and other forms of mass media after the Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC).

**Grant of Permission:**

I acknowledge and agree that by granting permission, I authorize DepEd RO I to use, reproduce, distribute, publicly display, and communicate the Work to the public through its website, social media platforms, and other forms of mass media. This permission extends to any necessary editing, modifications, or adaptations required to ensure the suitability of the Work for publication.

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I affirm that I am the sole owner of the Work and hold all intellectual property rights associated with it. By granting permission, I do not transfer the ownership or copyright of the Work to DepEd RO I. However, I acknowledge that DepEd RO I has the right to display and publish the Work as described in this agreement.

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**Indemnification:**

The Author agrees to indemnify and hold DepEd RO I and its representatives harmless from any claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses arising out of or related to the publication, display, or distribution of the Work by DepEd RO I. This indemnification includes, but is not limited to, any claims of infringement of third-party rights, defamation, or violation of any laws or regulations.

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The Author acknowledges and understands that, despite granting permission for publication, their moral rights as the creator of the Work shall be respected. DepEd RO I will make reasonable efforts to ensure that the Work is published with proper attribution and that the integrity of the Work is maintained.

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**Governing Law and Jurisdiction:**

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Alaminos City, Pangasinan. Any disputes arising from this agreement shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Alaminos City, Pangasinan.

By signing below, the Author acknowledges that they have read and understood this agreement and voluntarily grant permission for DepEd RO I to publish their Work on its website and other forms of mass media after the RSPC.

Author's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Enclosure 2 to DM \_\_\_\_ s. 2023)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTAL CONSENT**

I/We, the undersigned, hereby willingly and voluntarily give full consent for my/our son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the 2023 Regional Schools Press Conference in Alaminos City, Pangasinan from June 15-17, 2023 (excluding travel dates).

I/We have thoroughly considered the potential benefits that my/our child will derive from their participation in this activity, and I/We fully understand that the personnel of the Department of Education (DepEd) cannot be held liable for any unforeseen incidents or circumstances beyond their control. However, I/We have confidence that the DepEd personnel will exercise due care, diligence, and necessary precautions to ensure the health and safety of my/our son/daughter.

Furthermore, I/We hereby authorize the personnel of the Department of Education to collect, process, retain, and dispose of the personal information of the aforementioned learner in strict accordance with the provisions outlined in the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

I/We acknowledge that this consent form remains valid throughout the duration of the aforementioned event, and I/We understand that I/We have the right to revoke this consent in writing at any time, provided that sufficient notice is given to the relevant authorities.

By signing below, I/We affirm that I/We have read and understood the contents of this consent form, and I/We willingly and voluntarily provide our consent as indicated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Father Over Printed  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Mother Over Printed Name

Verified:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adviser/Coach  
(Signature Over Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Head/Registrar  
(Signature Over Printed Name)

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**CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATION**

To the RSPC Technical Working Group:

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_, school paper of \_\_\_\_\_, has been duly published and effectively circulated within the school communities. The dissemination process was carried out in strict accordance with the designated websites and social media pages, as certified by the Office of the School Principal, under the jurisdiction of SDO Alaminos City.

This Office has diligently undertaken measures to ensure the effective and extensive distribution of the school paper entries. Through the utilization of the designated websites and social media platforms, the school has facilitated easy access and widespread exposure of these entries to students, teachers, parents, and other stakeholders in the community.

This certification is issued this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023 in accordance with DepEd Memorandum No, 024, s. 2023.

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School Principal

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