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Department of Education
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF MARINDUQUE

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

CID-BVST-2026-005

TO: Public Elementary & Secondary Schools School Heads
School Paper Advisers
All Others Concerned

FROM: **RONNIE S. MALLARI, PhD, CESO III**
Director IV, Regional Director
Concurrent Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: **2026 BUENAVISTA DISTRICT & CLUSTER SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE**

DATE: September 1, 2026

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 7079, also known as the "Campus Journalism Act of 1991" released through DepEd Order No. 94, s.1992, which stipulates the holding of the national elementary, secondary, or tertiary Schools Press Conference, this Office will hold the 2026 Buenavista District & Cluster Schools Press Conference on September 7, 2026, at Buenavista Central School, Buenavista, Marinduque.

2. This said conference aims 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, foster camaraderie and enrich learning experiences through healthy and friendly competitions; and
- d. provide learners opportunities to use the skills learned in campus journalism for their future careers.

3. Activities in the District & Cluster Schools Press Conference are as follows:

- a. **Individual Category (English and Filipino, Elementary and Secondary)**
 - i. News Writing
 - ii. Feature 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
- x. Mobile Journalism (Secondary level only)

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)

4. Recognizing and respecting intellectual property rights, DepEd adheres to rules concerning plagiarism. Also, artificial intelligence (AI) – generated content cannot be submitted as the participant's sole work. The participant remains responsible for all ideas, analysis, and conclusions. Thus, participants whose articles and/or outputs are found to be plagiarized shall be disqualified based on the decision of the Board of Judges. Such decision shall be **final and irrevocable**.
5. Participants in the photojournalism category shall refer to the guidelines in the enclosures.
6. Each school is required to have at least one participant per category per medium except the primary school. They shall have a maximum of two (2) representatives per category per medium.
7. A campus journalist **MUST** participate in only one (1) event, either in an individual or group category.
8. All participating schools must submit an electronic copy of their school paper (in English and/or Filipino) on or before September 1, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. to the link stipulated in the guidelines. This paper is a mandatory entry (no paper, no entry). In the interest of focusing on training the young journalists and as agreed upon during the meeting, the schools may submit unfished/incomplete school paper provided that it has complete 8 pages.
9. Participants should wear their school uniforms for individual category while white shirt and maong pants for group contest during the contest proper.
10. There will be assigned belittling area for the coaches and parents. The coaches are **strictly prohibited** from roaming near the contestants/venues once the contest starts.
11. The decision of the Board of Judges is **FINAL** and **IRREVOCABLE**.
12. The top three (3) winners in individual and group contests shall be recognized. Only the accumulated points from individual and group contests

shall be included in the computation of the overall school ranking following the guidelines for NSPC and RSPC.

13. The host school is requested to prepare the venue. The elementary schools are assigned to prepare the opening program while the secondary schools are assigned to prepare the closing program.

14. The following are attached as enclosures:

- a. List of Facilitators and Board of Judges;
- b. Technical Working Group and Committees;
- c. Program of Activities);
- d. Contest Venue;
- e. Buenavista District School Paper Advisers Organization Officers;
- f. Guidelines for School Paper Contest
- g. Guidelines for the Individual and Group Contests with Score Sheets.

15. For more information, please contact Mr. Ray Alben M. Manaog, District English Coordinator – Secondary through mobile number (0908) 8927761 or Mr. Glen P. Espirituo, District English Coordinator – Elementary through (0954) 3551649.

16. Immediate and wide dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum is desired.

Enclosure No. 1 to Memorandum CID-BVST-2026-005 dated September 1, 2026

**2026 BUENAVISTA DISTRICT & CLUSTER SCHOOL PRESS CONFERENCE
LIST OF FACILITATORS AND BOARD OF JUDGES**

	CATEGORY	BOARD OF JUDGES		SUPERVISING SCHOOL HEAD
		FACILITATORS	MEMBERS	
GROUP CONTEST	Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting	Genelie Sales Crizzlyann S. Falcan	John Wilfred Borja Rochelle P. Jandusay Junjun Sapungan Alfin Jambalos	Larry Quejano
	Collaborative Writing	Liza Villavicencio	Charity Sapallo Carmella Fiedalan Johnmark Mercene	Marcelo Naranjo
	Newswriting	Genalyn Saguid Cindy Limpiada	Fritzie Zarah Macdon Annie Historillo Ramiro Garay	Michael Lou Monsanto
	Feature Writing	Jenicah Marie M. Mendoza, Hannah M. Mojar	Ronalyn Reanzares	Thelma Salvacion
INDIVIDUAL CONTEST	Editorial Writing	Fr. Kirk Irvin Romasanta	Roa Mercene Mark Ricohermoso Resureccion Matining	Carl Angelo Lasac

	Sports writing	Jan Harris Delos Santos	Grace Cruzado Ramiro Garay	Bobby Villavicencio
	Copyreading and Headline Writing	Jhonar L. Arenas Samantha Anne Arenas	Eden Borces Marieta Mantaring	Dexter Rolloque
	Science and Technology Writing	Ma. Danilyn S. Jambalos	Jenny May C. Vitto Pearly Navisa	Mae Laarni Saporna
	Photojournalism	Jerome Roselle Pampola Jo Ancon Jinang	Giessell Zoleta	Dezza G. Perlas
	Editorial Cartooning	Dimple Villavicencio	Christian Fiegalan Ernesto Guevarra	Bryan Jay Ramos
	Column Writing	Jannah Salazar	Reshel Herance Karen Quejano	Marvin Jinao
	School Paper	John Mark Mercene John Wilfred Borja Junjun Sapungan		Alfredo D. Moldon Jr.

OVER-ALL DISTRICT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP AND COMMITTEES

ROMUALDO O. MAGCULANG Education Program Supervisor/ OIC- Office of the District of Buenavista Adviser/Consultant	MARIDEL G. LINCALLO, PhD Public Schools District Supervisor Adviser/Consultant
Elementary	Secondary
VANNEZA F. MORGADO District Filipino Coordinator – Elementary	RAY ALBEN M. MANAOG District English Coordinator – Secondary
MARIBERT DE LOS SANTOS District Filipino Coordinator – Elementary	CARL ANGELO LASAC District Filipino Coordinator - Secondary
GLEN P. ESPIRITUO District English Coordinator – Elementary	
GRACE CRUZADO District English Coordinator – Elementary	

TECHNICAL WORKING COMMITTEES

LEAD & SUPERVISING TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

• COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION & CERTIFICATES • COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND INVITATION	VANNEZA F. MORGADO
• COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND REFRESHMENT & USHERETTES • COMMITTEE ON STAGE DECORATION	GLEN P. ESPIRITUO
• COMMITTEE ON PRIZES AND AWARDS • COMMITTEE ON RESULTS	MARIBERT DE LOS SANTOS
• COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION	GRACE CRUZADO
• COMMITTEE ON SOUND SYSTEM	CARL ANGELO LASAC

COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION & CERTIFICATES

CHAIRMAN	Donna Fiegalan
CO-CHAIRMAN	Mark Ricohermoso
MEMBER	Fritzie Zarah F. Macdon Jenny May C. Vitto Glaiza Marie S. Villavicencio

COMMITTEE ON PRIZES AND AWARDS

CHAIRMAN	Ruth Phoebe Gallardo
CO-CHAIRMAN	Medeza Mae D. Mascarinas
MEMBER	Lanny N. Luna Crystal L. Villar Ruth Phoebe Gallardo Myrna Candelaria Aisa L. Rioveros

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

CHAIRMAN	Rheymon S. Monsanto
CO-CHAIRMAN	Candy Manungay
MEMBER	Gilgem M. Sales Jonela G. Mortis Ma. Luisa C. Fellizar

COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND REFRESHMENT & USHERETTES

CHAIRMAN	Marilyn M. Milambiling
CO-CHAIRMAN	Grace S. Sosa & Mary Jane Frias
MEMBER	Evangeline Sapungan Kayecel L. Manuba Ericak May Nunez Reychelle F. Delos Santos Buenavista Central School

COMMITTEE ON SOUND SYSTEM

CHAIRMAN	John Mark Reanzares
CO-CHAIRMAN	Darwin Fellizar & Angelito Magpili
MEMBER	Buenavista National High School

COMMITTEE ON STAGE DECORATION

CHAIRMAN	Mark Ricohermoso
CO-CHAIRMAN	Fritzie Zarah Macdon

MEMBER	All Secondary Schools
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COMMITTEE ON RESULTS

CHAIRMAN	Gemadette M. Rolloque
CO-CHAIRMAN	Aloja S. Butiong
MEMBER	Glodel Sadiwa
	Noritzel R. Minga
	Decerie Francisco
	Fidelia S. Grave Leizel Saludes Lilibeth Rivero Vanna Riza R. Estoya Rhea Pielago

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND INVITATION

CHAIRMAN	Jenicah Marie M. Medoza
MEMBERS	BNHS – Daykitin AnneX

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

2026 District & Cluster Schools Press Conference
Buenavista Central School
September 7, 2026

TIME					
7:00 – 7:30	REGISTRATION				
7:30 – 8:00	OPENING PROGRAM				
8:00 – 9:00	Orientation/Preparation/Snacks				
9:00 – 12:00	Newswriting, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, Editorial Cartooning	Science and Health News, Sports writing, Copyreading and Headline Writing,	Photojournalism (Photoshoot) Column Writing	Radio Scriptwriting & Radio Broadcasting	Collaborative Writing Mobile Journalism
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH BREAK				
1:00 – 2:00				Radio Broadcasting	Collaborative Writing
2:00 – 3:00					
3:00 – 4:30	CLOSING PROGRAM				

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2026 BUENAVISTA DISTRICT & CLUSTER SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

September 7, 2026

ACTIVITY	VENUE
Individual Contest	Buenavista Central School Classroom
Collaborative News Paper	BCS Social Hall
Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting	Buenavista Central School Covered Court
Opening & Closing Program	Buenavista Central School Covered Court

BUENAVISTA DISTRICT SCHOOL PAPER ADVISERS OFFICERS

President	JOHN HARRIS DELOS SANTOS
Vice-President	JANNAH SALAZAR
Secretary	JENNY MAE C. VITTO
Treasurer	RUTH PHOEBE J. GALLARDO
Auditor	GEMADETTE M. ROLLOQUE
P.I.O	
Zone 1	FIDELIA S. GRAVE
Zone 2	ROA S. MERCENE
Zone 3	EDEN S. BORCES
Zone 4	NORETZEL R. MINGA
Secondary	GIZELLE ZOLETA
Advisers:	RAY ALBEN M. MANAOG (ENGLISH - SECONDARY)
	CARL ANGELO LASAC (FILIPINO - SECONDARY)
	VANNEZA F. MORGADO (ENGLISH - ELEMENTARY)
	GLEN P. ESPIRITUO (ENGLISH - ELEMENTARY)
	MARIBERT DELOS SANTOS (FILIPINO - ELEMENTARY)
	GRACE CRUZADO (FILIPINO - ELEMENTARY)

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL PAPER CONTESTS

- A. The School Paper Contest is open to Elementary and Secondary schools.
- B. The following awards are to be given in the Newspapering:
 - a. Best News Page
 - b. Best Editorial Page
 - c. Best Feature Page
 - d. Best Science and Health Page
 - e. Best Sports Page
 - f. Best in Layout and Design
- C. The following sanctions shall be imposed to the school upon finding that the school paper has copied and used text, images or other materials without duly acknowledging their sources, and unauthorized use of AI software not approved by the school:

First Offense: Disqualification from the contest.

Second Offense: Disqualification from the contest. A formal notification will be sent to the School Head who shall implement plans and programs on intensifying academic honesty and integrity.

Third Offense: Disqualification from the School Paper Contest for three consecutive years.

- D. The decision of the Board of Judges in all aspects of the contest is final and irrevocable.
- E. All participating schools in the D&CSPC must submit their school paper (in English or Filipino) by September 1, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.. This paper is a mandatory entry (no paper, no entry). Schools may opt to use any software in designing their school paper. In the interest of focusing on training the young journalists and as agreed upon during the meeting, the schools may submit unfished/ incomplete school paper provided that it has complete 8 pages. This shall be submitted in electronic form (PDF) to the google drive through the link:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TEEOuRuJVd6UYRKi6prGN3JA66lgTbCb8?usp=share_link. The final school paper of all participating school shall be submitted in printed and electronic on the 3rd of September 2026 until 5:00 p.m..
- F. The Certificate of Circulation signed by the school head shall be submitted and uploaded together with the school paper using the format *Name of school-SP-Medium-Level* (e.g., BagacayES-SP-Eng-Elem).
- G. The District Technical Working Group (DTWG) reserves the right to disqualify entries without a Certificate of Circulation from the School Head.

H. The various SECTIONS/CATEGORIES in the school paper contest both English and Filipino are as follows:

1. News Section / Pahinang Balita
2. Editorial Section / Pahinang Editoryal
3. Features Section / Pahinang Lathalain
4. Sports Section / Pahinang Pampalakasan
5. Science & Technology Section / Pahinang Agham at Teknolohiya
6. Layout and Page Design Category / Kategoryang Pag-aanyo at Disenyo ng Pahina

I. The Technical Specifications for both Elementary and Secondary levels are as follows:

1. No. of pages: minimum of 12 and maximum of 20
News Section- at least 3
Sports Section - at least 2
Feature Section - at least 3
Editorial Section - at least 2
Science & Technology Section - at least 2
2. Process: Digital
3. Color: All pages in full color
4. Size: 9"x12" (Elementary)
12"x18" (Secondary)

J. Failure to adhere to the set guidelines when evaluating school papers will result in disqualification.