



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF MARINDUQUE

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Public and Select Private Elementary
Secondary and Integrated School Heads
School Paper Advisers and Coaches
All Other Concerned

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

SUBJECT: 2026 TORRIJOS DISTRICT SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (DSPC)

DATE: September 3, 2026

1. In pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 7079, also known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, which upholds the freedom of expression and the development and promotion of campus journalism as a means of strengthening ethical values, encouraging critical and creative thinking and fostering moral character and civic consciousness among the youth, this Office through the District School Paper Advisers Association of Torrijos District shall hold the **2026 Torrijos District Schools Press Conference** on September 19, 2026 at Torrijos Central School, Poblacion, Torrijos, Marinduque.
2. The objectives of the activity are to:
 - a. promote campus journalism across schools;
 - b. provide fair and equal opportunities for all learners and school paper advisers in participating in campus journalism activities;
 - c. demonstrate exemplary performance on journalistic skills through the different individual and group contest categories; and
 - d. identify potential campus journalists and school paper advisers to compete in the higher-level press conferences.
3. Participants in this activity are the Filipino and English School Paper Advisers and campus journalists of the elementary, secondary, integrated school and select private elementary and secondary schools in Torrijos and Sta Cruz Districts.
4. Learner-contestants should wear their school uniforms for individual category while white shirt and maong pants for group contest during the contest proper.



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5. All participating schools must secure a signed parental consent of learner-participants.

6. There will be a simultaneous one-hour lecture for all categories. SPAs/coaches are permitted to attend but strictly prohibited to stay or roam around the venue once the contest begins.

7. The contest shall implement **'One Contestant Per Category and No School Paper, No Contestant Policy'**.

8. The official school paper entries shall be submitted in PDF via google drive <https://drive.google.com/drive/my-drive> and one (1) printed copy on or before September 19, 2026, at 8:00 A.M for evaluation and judging.

The various sections in the school paper contest both English and Filipino are as follows:

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

The technical Specifications for 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 and Technology Section- at least 2
For Secondary: Minimum of 16 pages and maximum of 20
News Section- at least 4
Sports Section- at least 2
Feature Section- at least 4
Editorial section -at least 3
Science and Technology Section- at least 3
2. Process: Digital
3. Color: All pages in full color
4. Size: 9x 12 (Elementary)
12x 18 (Secondary)

9. Submission and evaluation of portfolios/documents for Outstanding School Paper Adviser (SPA) and Outstanding Campus Journalist (CJ) will be on September 19, 2026, until 4:00 P.M. The Guidelines relative to the selection of Outstanding SPA and Campus journalists will be sent separately via school heads official group chat.

10. The conduct of the Campus Journalism activity shall strictly adhere to the provisions of **DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012, otherwise known as the "DepEd Child Protection Policy,"** and other relevant child protection laws and regulations. All personnel, organizers, and participants shall ensure that learners are treated with dignity, respect, and fairness and are protected from any form of abuse, violence, discrimination, exploitation, bullying, and other acts that may compromise their safety and well-being. Thus, appropriate supervision and safeguarding measures shall be observed throughout the activity.

11. Teaching personnel who are authorized to render services during the conduct of the Campus Journalism activity on **Saturday, September 19, 2026**, which falls on a non-working day, may be granted the appropriate **Vacation Service Credits (VSC)** pursuant to **DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003, as amended by DepEd Order No. 84, s. 2003**, subject to existing DepEd rules and regulations. Non-teaching personnel who are authorized to render services beyond their regular work schedule shall be granted the appropriate **Compensatory Overtime Credit (COC)**, subject to existing CSC-DBM and DepEd rules, and upon submission of the required supporting documents.

12. Expenses of learner-participants, coaches, and other officials of the contest shall be charged to School MOOE and other available local funds subject to usual accounting.

13. The host school is requested to identify lecture/contest venues; provide labels for contest rooms; necessary equipment such as LCD projectors with screen, TV, sound system, chairs and tables and other logistics that may be needed during lecture and contests. Meanwhile, SPA TWG are in-charge for awarding and closing program.

14. Enclosed are the following for reference:

Enclosure No. 1. General Guidelines of the 2026 District Schools Press Conference

Enclosure No. 2. Technical Working Group (TWG) for Elementary

Enclosure No. 3. Technical Working Group (TWG) for Secondary

Enclosure No. 4. Activity Matrix

Enclosure No. 5. List of Participants Template

15. Immediate and wide dissemination of the content of this Memorandum is desired.



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GENERAL GUIDELINES OF THE 2026 DISTRICT SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

The following guidelines will be strictly implemented:

A. General:

1. All contest categories are open to all public and select private elementary, secondary, and integrated schools of Torrijos District and Sta. Cruz district.
2. The contests both in Filipino and English are divided in two categories: the individual and the group contests which will be done simultaneously. Awarding shall be done at the respective contest venue.

Individual Contests

English Medium	Filipino Medium
News Writing	Pagsulat ng Balita
Sports Writing	Pagsulat ng Balitang Isports
Science and Technology Writing	Pagsulat ng Balitang Agham at Teknolohiya
Feature Writing	Pagsulat ng Lathalain
Editorial Cartooning	Pagguhit ng Kartuong Editoryal
Editorial Writing	Pagsulat ng Pangulong Tudling
Copyreading and Headlining	Pagwawasto ng Sipi at Pag-uulo ng Balita
Photojournalism	Pagkuha ng Larawang Pampahayagan
Column Writing	Pagsulat ng Kolum
Mobile Journalism	Mobile Dyurno

B. Group Contests

- Collaborative Desktop Publishing (*English and Filipino*)
 - Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting (*English and Filipino*)
3. Each contestant can only compete in one category with the same medium except for Mobile Journalism in the secondary level.
 4. The decision of the Board of Judges is **FINAL and IRREVOCABLE**. The TOP 5 shall be recognized as winners and shall receive a Certificate of Recognition and a medal for the champion, 1st Runner-Up, and 2nd Runner Up.
 5. The guidelines in the judging of outputs / performances of all contest categories shall be in accordance with DepEd Memorandum No. 39, s. 2025 titled "**National Schools Press Conference and National Festival of Talents**" thus, downloading of it is highly recommended before the conduct of the conferences.
 6. The **FIVE (5) PERFORMING SCHOOLS** will be declared by combining all the points obtained by each school and shall receive a certificate of recognition.

7. List of Top five (5) School Paper Publication, Top three (3) winners in the individual categories, entries for group contests, and the Outstanding Campus Journalist and SPA will compete in the Division Schools Press Conference tentatively scheduled on **September 26, 2026**.

C. Specific:

News Writing, Feature Writing, Editorial Writing, Science and Technology Writing, Sports Writing, and Column Writing.

Fact sheets or other sources of information shall be given to the contestants as bases for writing the article to be prepared by the organizers EXCEPT those categories with invited Resource Speakers/Judges outside the district.

Copyreading and Headline Writing

- a. The contestants shall bring their pencils for the contest,
- b. The contestants shall follow the directions given in the contest piece.
- c. The contestants shall provide a headline for the article.

Editorial Cartooning

- a. The contestants shall bring their own pencil No. 2 and oslo papers for the contest.
- b. The cartoon must be anchored on the given topic or issue.
- c. The cartoon should be compliant with the professional and ethical standards of media.

Photojournalism

a. Preparation

1. Contestants should be at the contest venue thirty (30) minutes before the orientation on the guidelines and rubrics.

2. The contestants are allowed to use any digital camera (*point and shoot only*) with a maximum of 24.3 megapixels with fixed lenses. Contestants who will be using any DSLR and other high-end cameras will not be permitted to join the contest.

3. The contestants shall submit empty memory cards and cameras (internal memory) to be checked by the examiner/s before the contest.

4. The contestant should bring his/her camera cable for uploading and saving pictures.

5. Cellular phones, extra digital cameras, extra storage cards or any additional materials/equipment are not allowed in the contest area.

6. Contestants shall bring their black ballpens while the TWG will provide scratch papers where contestants can write down notes during the shooting.

b. Provision of Memory Cards

1. The contestant shall load the empty storage card in front of the examiner on the contest day.

c. Photo Shoot, Uploading, and Captioning

1. The loading and unloading of the storage card will be done in front of the examiner.
2. The control shot shall be the first shot.
3. Contestants are given one (1) hour to take pictures.
4. Contestants are allowed to take unlimited shots but will submit only 5 possible photos with captions for the given theme and the control shot.
5. Write the file name of each photo in the caption sheet.
6. Caption sheets will be provided by the TWG.
7. Contestants will be given 30 minutes to write captions for each of the five (5) photos.
8. Throughout the duration of the competition, the advisers, trainers, and parents are NOT allowed in the venue.

Collaborative Desktop Publishing (*English and Filipino*)

1. Each school shall organize a team of seven (7) members for English and Filipino who are not competing from individual writing category.
2. Contestants shall wear their respective uniform with identification cards.
3. All contestants are required to attend the orientation before the competition.
4. All contestants are not allowed to go back to their advisers from the start to the end of the contest.
6. The team will be given 1 hour for data gathering and 2 hours for writing, layout, and editing.
7. Each team is allowed to bring the following:
 - Digital cameras
 - Printer with scanner
 - Card reader
 - Blank flash drive
 - Extension wire
 - Laptop
 - A4 size bond paper
8. Laptops are free from stored documents, applications and prewritten documents.
9. Mobile phones and other electronic gadgets shall not be allowed except for digital cameras.
10. Each team will be required to convert their output into PDF, print in A4 size bond paper, and submit it to the examiner/s.
11. The output of the contest is an A4 size four-page full colored publication. The output will be stored in the flash drive and upload to computer for judging.

12. The top 5 teams shall be recognized, and their points will be included in the determination of the final score.

13. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting (*English and Filipino*)

A. General Guidelines

1. Each school shall organize a team of seven (7) members for English and Filipino.

2. To facilitate proper identification, the participants shall wear white shirts and pants with their valid school IDs.

3. Orientation shall be conducted for all the contestants. The Proctors will draw lots to determine the order of the presentation.

4. The awards for this category are the following:

Individual Awards	Group Awards
1. Best Anchor	1. Best in Technical Application
2. Best News Presenter	2. Best Infomercial
	3. Best Script

5. In getting the overall results for the best radio production, accumulated points from the individual and group awards shall be considered.

6. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

B. Scriptwriting

1. Each team may use up to four (4) official laptops that are cleared of stored documents, and an inkjet printer in preparing and printing the scripts. All laptops should be submitted to the contest committee for inspection, before the contest starts. Each team is required to bring their extension wires and other equipment for rehearsals.

2. The team will be given two (2) hours to prepare a script for a five-minute radio broadcast that includes one (1) informational and (4) four news articles. The infomercial may depict health, environment, politics and social issues. It shall have a maximum length of one (1) minute and shall use the language that the group is competing in. The news articles may be based on press releases, raw data, or any other source given by the board of judges. Another 30 minutes will be allotted for the printing of the output. After two and a half (2 ½) hours, each team should submit four (4) copies of the script. Three (3) copies will be submitted to the judges and one (1) copy will be submitted to the examiner/s. The team may print extra copies for their use.

3. Once the scriptwriting has commenced, the contestants will no longer be allowed to leave the contest rooms. For personal necessities, the proctor shall accompany them to the restrooms.

4. The script should not bear any information that may identify the school, but it should include the names of the members of the team with their respective roles (ie..., anchor, news presenter, etc.)

5. Scripts should be:

- encoded using Arial font size 12;
- with directorial instructions in capital letters;
- double-spaced with normal margin (1 inch on all sides); and
- printed in A-4 sized bond paper (8.27 x11.69 inches)

C. BROADCAST SIMULATION

1. A broadcast room for the presentation shall be identified in the contest venue. Only the contestants, judges, and proctor shall be allowed inside.

2. Torrijos Central School shall provide room to ensure quality audio output.

3. Contestants are not allowed to manipulate the audio main board except the volume.

4. Mobile phones and reference materials are not allowed in the contest area.

5. In case of power failure, the affected teams shall be allowed to broadcast again.

6. Loudspeakers may be set up outside the broadcast room.

7. Each team shall be given nine minutes: three minutes for preparation, five minutes for the actual broadcast, and one minute for the exit. Provided running time shall be applied.

8. The speaker shall provide a clock or a timer that can be seen by the contestants and judges. There will be an official timekeeper.

9. The team who complied with the five-minute productions shall be given a perfect score (5 points). In case of overtime or undertime, the following scheme of deductions shall be followed:

- 1 second to 20 seconds-1 point.
- 21 seconds to 40 seconds-2 points
- 41 seconds to 60 seconds-3 points
- 61 seconds and above 4 points

**TORRIJOS DISTRICT SCHOOL PRESS CONFERENCE TECHNICAL
WORKING GROUP**

Over-All Chairperson: Dr. Dingson A. De Sena
Public Schools District Supervisor

Chairperson/s: Edna M. Jalos
Elizabeth R. Paralejas
Rosalie M. Pernia
Marlon S. Valenzuela

Secretariat: Norman P. Romasanta
Razel N. Lining
Christine M. Dapito

Members: All Elementary and Secondary Heads

A. Elementary

Category/ies	Contest Room (Primary Building)	Proctors/ Facilitators	Judges/Resource Speaker
Newsriting/Pagsulat ng Balita	Room 11	Norman P. Romasanta	Christine M. Dapito Amelia Revilloza
Editorial Writing/ Pagsulat ng Pangulong Tudling	Room 12	Christopher Q. Recaña	Emmalyn Vasquez Lorena S. Vasquez
Editorial Cartooning/ Pagguhit ng Kartung Editorial	Room 13	Dr. Meleah P. Rey	Hermilyn Quinto/Aleika P. Pilar
Science and Technology Writing/Pagsulat ng Balitang Agham at Teknolohiya	Room 14	Allan P. Retardo	Wilma G. Zoleta Nerissa M. Fellizar
Photojournalism/ Pagkuha ng Larawang Pampahayagan	Room 15	Dr. Grace V. Cabral	Dorothy Joy Revilla Caroline Romasanta
Sportswriting/Pagsulat ng Balitang Pampalakasan	Room 16	Jerrymie Ricohermoso	Catherine R. Privado Joma Regio
Feature Writing/ Pagsulat ng Lathalain	Room 17	Gerlie W. Mirano	Rubelyn C. Rocha Larra S. Zulueta

Copyreading and Headlining/Pagwawasto ng Sipi at Pag uulo ng Balita	New Building Room 18	Donna Bella R. Rocha	Irish R. Matienzo Jayna R. Frias
Column Writing/Pagsulat ng Kolum	New Building Room 19	Zimre F. Fadriquela	Alwin John I. Reginio Key Musa
Group Contests			
Collaborative Desktop Publishing (<i>English and Filipino</i>)	SNED (Rm. 10)	Maria Vanissa Melendrez Ludy Roldan	Ritchelda C. Privado Ma. Judhee S. Rivamonte Joe Cris R. Fiecas
Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting (<i>English and Filipino</i>)	TCS HALL (Elem/Sec)	Joseph L. Regis Richard Zoleta Mario Almonte Dominic Raza Judith V. Lasac	Florenil Malabayabas MT1- MNHS Romeo Mataac Bernadette P. Requintel Alicia O. Villalva Darriel Oblipias
Outstanding SPA	TCS office	n/a	Norman P. Romasanta Donna Bella R. Rocha Edna M. Jalos
Outstanding Campus Journalist	TCS Principal Office	n/a	Christine Dapito Marlon S. Valenzuela Emmalyn Vasquez
School Paper	Torrijos District Hall	Edna M. Jalos Marlon S. Valenzuela	Joey Mataac Catherine Rodriguez Mary Grace Palmero

**TORRIJOS DISTRICT SCHOOL PRESS CONFERENCE
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP for SECONDARY**

Category	Contest Room (Two Storey Building)	Proctor	Judges/Resource Speaker
Newswriting/Pagsulat ng Balita	Room 1	Arlyn Roldan	Madel M. Menorca
Editorial Writing/ Pagsulat ng Pangulong Tudling	Room 2	Rodalyn Moreno	Carren Fe Mapacpac
Editorial Cartooning/ Pagguhit ng Kartung Editorial	Room 3	Russel Monleon	Juancho Corcuera Arnel Curiba
Science and Technology Writing/Pagsulat ng Balitang Agham at Teknolohiya	Room 4	Rachelle Fietzie Ganoria	Dr. Ederlyn M. Frias
Photojournalism/ Pagkuha ng Larawang Pampahayagan	Room 5	Ganny Rey Macdon	Reynaldo Magdalita
Sportswriting/Pagsulat ng Balitang Pampalakasan	Room 6	Dennis P. Roces	Jan Harris Delos Santos
Feature Writing/ Pagsulat ng Lathalain	Room 7	Melissa Rodelas	Ederlyn C. Quezada Ederlyn Q. Pastoral
Copy Reading and Headlining/Pagwawasto ng Sipi at Pag uulo ng Balita	Room 8	Marjorie Colopano	Mary Grace Palmero
Column Writing/ Pagsulat ng Kolum	Room 9	Jenilyn Tabanao	Dr. Jhonamie Mariposque Carren Mapacpac
Group Contest			
Collaborative Desktop Publishing (<i>English and Filipino</i>)	SNED Rm 1 and 2	Aidyze Gutierrez	Jesrel Briones Angie Jaranilla Marian Rondera Ma. Rhose Anthonette P. Pilar
Outstanding SPA	TBA	Elizabeth R. Paralejas	Elizabeth R. Paralejas Ederlyn C. Quezada Bernadette P. Requintel

Outstanding Campus Journalist	TBA		Dr. Ederlyn M. Frias Rosalie M. Pernia Aurelie Mirones
School Paper	Torrijos District Hall	Edna M. Jalos Marlon S. Valenzuela	Joey Mataac Catherine Rodriquez Mary Grace Palmero

Other Committee		
Committee	Chairperson/ Co- Chairperson	Members
Awards and Recognition	Guillerma P. Alvarez Carol De Luna	Virginia Grimaldo Elsa R. Tagbago Ramiro Karlo Jose R. Valencia Lynnette Zoleta Enalyn M. Villaruel Razel R. Lining Marjorie Colopano Maribeth S. Bugaay Melissa C. Rodelas Rhea Fabrero Ederlyn Jaranilla SPA Officers
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Health & Sanitation	Nurse Susan P. Fatalla Renalyn Hernandez	

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ACTIVITY MATRIX

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY/TOPIC	IN-CHARGE
September 19, 2026	8:00 AM - onwards	School Paper	Judges Joey Mataac Catherine Rodriquez Mary Grace Palmero TWG Edna M. Jalos Rosalie M. Pernia Marlon S. Valenzuela Elizabeth R. Paralejas
September 19, 2026	7:30-8:00 AM	Arrival & Registration	Committee on Registration
	8:00-8:30 AM	Opening Program	Torrijos Central School Teaching and Non- Teaching Personnel
	8:30-9:30 AM	Training Proper (Simultaneous, by room)	Resource Speakers
	9:30-10:00 AM	Health Break	
	10:00-11:00 AM	Contest Proper	Resource Speakers
	11:00AM-12:00NN	Judging	Resource Speakers/ Judges
	1:00-3:00 PM	Broadcasting Simulation	Resource Speakers/ Judges/Proctors
		Lecture on Newspapering	Joey Mataac
September 22, 2026	3:00 Onwards PM	Awarding Ceremony/Closing Program	Contest Room/Social Hall
	8:00 AM Onwards	Online Submission of entries for DSPC a. List of Top 5 School Paper Publication Entries b. List of Top 3 Winners in the Individual Category	Edna Jalos Marlon S. Valenzuela Elizabeth R. Paralejas Rosalie Pernia Dr. Ederlyn Frias SPA Officers

		C.List of Entries for Group Contest d. Outstanding Campus Journalist and SPA	
September 26, 2026	8:00 AM -onwards	Division Schools Press Conference	SPA Officers In-Charge of English and Filipino

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS				
School Name:				
School Head :				
Category	Name of Contestant English	Coach	Name of Contestant Filipino	Coach
Newsriting/Pagsulat ng Balita				
Editorial Writing/ Pagsulat ng Pangulong Tudling				
Editorial Cartooning/ Pagguhit ng Kartung Editoryal				
Science and Technology Writing/ Pagsulat ng Balitang Agham at Teknolohiya				
Photojournalism/Pagkuha ng Larawang Pampahayagan				
Sportswriting/Pagsulat ng Balitang Pampalakasan				
Feature Writing/ Pagsulat ng Lathalain				
Copyreading and Headlining/ Pagwawasto ng Sipi at Pag-uulo ng Balita				
Column Writing/Pagsulat ng Kolum				
Collaborative Desktop Publishing (English and Filipino)				
Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting (English and Filipino) Name of Contestant English				