



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
MIMAROPA Region
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF MARINDUQUE



Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

TO: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

FROM: 
LYNN G. MENDOZA, EdD
OIC, Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: **REQUEST TO GIVE ACCREDITED MEMBERS OF MASS MEDIA REASONABLE ACCESS TO ALL STAGES OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESSES DURING THE 2023 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS**

DATE: October 26, 2023

1. Attached is Memorandum OUOPS No. 2023-01-9928 from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations, Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, dated October 24, 2023 re: transmittal of letter from the Chairman of the Commission on Elections requesting all Department of Education Supporting Officers (DESOs) to allow accredited members of mass media reasonable access of the electoral processes during the October 30, 2023 Barangay and *Sangguniang Kabataan* Elections.
2. In view of the foregoing, all Department of Education Supporting Officers (DESOs) and heads of schools who will serve in polling places, voting centers, canvassing centers, and venues for the 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections shall allow accredited members of mass media, who have been issued media cards and passes, reasonable access to all stages of the electoral processes.
3. For clarifications, please contact the Department of Education Election Task Force for the 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections through e-mail address pau.marinduque@gmail.com and landline numbers (042) 754-0247 and (042) 332-1611.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with the contents of this Memorandum are desired.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

FROM : 
Atty. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **Request to Give Accredited Members of Mass Media Reasonable Access to All Stages of the Electoral Processes During the 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections**

DATE : **October 24, 2023**

This Office respectfully transmits the attached letter signed by Atty. George Erwin M. Garcia, Chairman, Commission on Elections, relative to their request addressed to all Department of Education Supporting Officers (DESOs) to allow accredited members of mass media reasonable access to all stages of the electoral processes during the October 30, 2023 Barangay and *Sangguniang Kabataan* Elections.

In view of the foregoing, this Office directs all Regional Directors to disseminate instruction to all Division Offices and schools within their jurisdiction, **to allow accredited members of mass media, who have been issued media cards and passes, reasonable access to all stages of the electoral processes, including the polling places, voting centers, and canvassing centers and venues.**

For compliance and wide dissemination.



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Intramuros, Manila

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

October 24, 2023

UNDERSECRETARY REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Governance and Field Operations
Department of Education
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

Dear **Undersecretary Escobedo**,

The conduct of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections on October 30, 2023 is imbued with public interest and is expected to be the subject of media coverage.

With the COMELEC as the sole government agency charged with the conduct of peaceful and orderly polls, it is this Commission's policy to ensure accurate reporting on the conduct and results of the elections. It is of highest importance to this Commission that elections becomes an avenue for public education and, in return, increase its credibility and the confidence of the general public in our democratic processes.

It is our humble request that your good department directs all the Department of Education Supporting Officers (DESOs) to allow accredited members of the mass media reasonable access to all stages of the electoral processes, including the polling places, voting centers and canvassing centers and venues. Duly accredited members of the mass media have been issued media cards and passes to identify them.

Maraming salamat po! Mahuhuy po kayo!

Sincerely yours,


GEORGE ERWIN M. GARCIA
Chairman