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REGION IV-A CALABARZON
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BATANGAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**2025 - 2026 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (DSPC)
SCHOOL PAPER EVENTS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief- Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)
Chief- School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)
Public Schools District Supervisors
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the conduct of the 2026 Reconfigured Regional Schools Press Conference (RRSPC), please be informed that the submission of entries for the 2025-2026 Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) - School Paper Events shall be on **January 5, 2026**. (until 10:00 am only). All participating schools are advised to upload their entries on or before the due date. The link for submission of entries will be sent to the sub-office journalism coordinators.
2. The whole newspaper is to be submitted in actual size. It is necessary to state the name of the Schools Division Office (SDO) in the newspaper.
3. Only one (1) school paper adviser is allowed; others will be included as section advisers.
4. The top 10 winners in elementary and secondary levels, both English and Filipino, in different sections will be recognized by the Schools Division Office. However, only the top five (5) best school papers per section will be the official entries of SDO Batangas in the 2026 RRSPC.
5. Attached herewith are the guidelines for school paper events.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


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Enclosure I: Guidelines in School Paper Events

**GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL PAPER EVENTS
(in Portable Digital Format)**

1. Elementary and secondary schools in the Schools Division of Batangas Province are eligible to join in the school paper events.
2. Any school paper found to have copied and reproduced texts, images, and other materials without properly citing the original sources will not be allowed to participate in the contest.

First Offense: Disqualification from the contest

Second Offense: A formal notification to the Public Schools District Supervisor (PSDS). The PSDS shall issue a letter of reprimand to the school paper adviser and school head. The concerned personnel shall undergo refresher course on plagiarism. This activity will be organized by Schools Division Office (SDO). Then, the school head shall implement programs intensifying academic honesty and integrity.

Third Offense: Disqualification from the school paper events for three (3) consecutive years.

3. The following are the different sections/categories in the school paper events, both in English and Filipino:

- 3.1. News Section / Pahinang Balita
- 3.2. Editorial Section / Pahinang Editoryal
- 3.3. Features Section / Pahinang Lathalain
- 3.4. Sports Section / Pahinang Pampalakasan
- 3.5. Science and Technology Section / Pahinang Agham at Teknolohiya
- 3.6. Layout and Page Design Category / Kategoryang Pag-aanyo at Disenyo ng Pahina

4. The technical specifications for both elementary and secondary levels are the following:

- 4.1. Minimum of 12 and maximum of 20 pages
News Section – at least three (3) pages
Sports Section - at least two (2) pages
Features Section - at least three (3) pages
Editorial Section - at least two (2) pages
Science and Technology Section - at least two (2) pages
- 4.2. Digital process
- 4.3. All pages in full color



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- 4.4. For elementary level: 9" X 12" size
- 4.5. For secondary level: 12" X 18" size
- 5. Failure to comply with the set guidelines for evaluating the school papers will be grounds for disqualification.
- 6. The Top 10 winners will be announced per section. The Top five (5) highest pointers both in English and Filipino shall be declared as the Best School Papers in SDO Batangas.
- 7. The Top five (5) winners per section shall be the official entries of the SDO in the 2026 RRSPC school paper events.
- 8. The decision of the Board of Judges in all aspects of school paper events shall be deemed final and irrevocable.