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Department of Education
CARAGA REGION



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
DIVISION INFORMATION OFFICERS
This Region

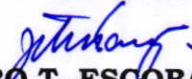
**REQUEST TO GIVE ACCREDITED MEMBERS OF MASS MEDIA
REASONABLE ACCESS TO ALL STAGES OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESSES
DURING THE 2023 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTION**

1. This refers to **OUOPS No. 2023-01-9928** memorandum with 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 Election"** signed by Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary for Operations, dated October 24, 2023.
2. With this, all Division Offices and Schools are requested 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 polling places, voting centers, and canvassing centers and venues.
3. For compliance and wide dissemination.

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BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR:


PEDRO T. ESCOBARTE JR., CESO V
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Encl/s.: OUOPS No. 2023-01-9928

Reference/s: NONE

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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! Mabuhay po kayo!

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE ERWIN M. GARCIA
Chairman