



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0074 , s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private School Heads
All Others Concerned

CORRIGENDUM AND ADDENDUM TO REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 0018
s., 2026 TITLED 2026 REGIONAL ACADEMIC AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT-
REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (RASD-RSPC)

1. This Memorandum issues the following updates to RM 0018 s., 2026 on the conduct of the 2026 Regional Academic and Skills Development- Regional Schools Press Conference (RASD-RSPC). The activity which is scheduled on January 26-30, 2026 shall be scheduled on February 16-20, 2026.
2. For photojournalism contest, only point-and-shoot cameras or DSLR cameras equipped with either a prime lens or a zoom lens (18–55mm) are permitted for use.
3. The team for the Online Publishing contest will be given four (4) hours for writing, layout, and editing of articles online after the creation of an online publication using the official platform to be provided by the organizer. Coverage/Data gathering through mini press conference, pre-game, actual game and post conference shall be excluded from the four-hour time allotment.
4. The checking and sealing of laptops for the group contests will be conducted on February 15, 2026 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. At SMCC Quadrangle. On the same day and venue, the checking of SD cards and cameras for the Photojournalism contest will also take place.
5. All participants must register through the official portal at bit.ly/caragaqualif. Upon successful registration, a Journo e-Passport will be generated. This printed passport shall serve as proof of registration, identification, and guide for learner-contestants, and must be presented upon entry to contest rooms.
6. The registration link will be opened from February 5–12, 2026, including Saturday and Sunday. The Caraga Journo e-Passport is a digital identification and monitoring system documenting the participation of student journalists and school paper advisers, coaches and DepEd personnel in journalism-related programs and activities in the region. All participants are required to bring printed copies of this e-Passport.
7. The TWG members will meet online on January 29, 2026 at 1:30 PM, followed by the online meeting for examinees and proctors on January 30, 2026 at 1:30 PM, both via Google Meet.



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8. The select members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) shall report to the Regional Office on January 22-24 and January 29-31, 2026, to prepare the materials and technical requirements for the 2026 RSPC events. See attached list.
9. The prework conference to select members of the TWG is rescheduled on February 5-7, 2026 instead of January 22-23, 2026.
10. A meeting for examinees and proctors is scheduled on February 15, 2026 at 2:00 PM in Municipal Gym.
11. A certification, signed by the Schools Division Superintendent, confirming that all participating journalists have a school paper publication shall be submitted on or before February 6, 2026. Only learners from schools with an official school paper (print, digital, or electronic) in English or Filipino for SY 2025-2026 are eligible to participate. Copies of the school paper from participating schools shall be uploaded through the provided link: <https://bitly/RSPC2026SchoolPaper>
12. A Budding Journalists' Camp will be organized for student journalists who did not advance to the semifinal and final rounds. The camp will feature friendly games, interactive sessions, and opportunities to mingle, along with light knowledge-sharing activities to keep participants engaged and connected to the event community.
13. Simultaneously, a School Paper Advisers' Forum will be conducted to provide advisers with opportunities for professional exchange, networking, and skills enhancement. This forum will include discussions on best practices in campus journalism, coaching strategies, and innovations in school paper management.
14. The Matrix of Activities, Registration Procedure, List of Select members of TWG for the preparation activities and Additional list of TWG are provided in the attached enclosures.
15. All other provisions outlined in Regional Memorandum No. 0018, s. 2026, remain in effect.
16. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Regional Director

Encls.: As stated

Reference: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

under the following subjects:

CONTESTS

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Enclosure no. 1 to Regional Memorandum No. 0074 s., 2026

2026 REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

MATRIX OF ACTIVITIES

February 15-20, 2026
Nasipit, Agusan del Norte

February 15: DAY 0 - Checking and Sealing of Device

Laptop/device checking and sealing Checking of SD cards and cameras for the Photojournalism		
Time	Division	Venue
8:00am - 10:00am	Agusan del Norte	Saint Michael College of Caraga (SMCC) Nasipit, Agusan del Norte
	Agusan del Sur	
10:00am - 12:00pm	Bayugan City	
	Bislig City	
12:00pm - 2:00pm	Butuan City	
	Cabadbaran City	
	Surigao City	
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Dinagat	
	Siargao	
	Tandag	
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Surigao del Norte	
	Surigao del Sur	

February 16, 2026: DAY 1 - CONTEST PROPER

TIME	INDIVIDUAL EVENT	VENUE		TIME	GROUP EVENT	VENUE
9:00am - 10:00am	News Writing	Rooms 201A-204A		8:00am - 9:30pm	General Orientation Radio & TV Broadcasting Elementary & Secondary	Quadrangle
	Editorial Writing	Rooms 301C-304C		10:00am - 12:00pm	Scriptwriting for RB Elem (E & F)	College Library
	Feature Writing	Rooms 401C-404C			Scriptwriting for TV	Rooms 401B-406B
	Sports Game Coverage	Barangay 1		12:00pm - 1:00pm	Working Lunch/Tech Run & Rehearsals for RB Elem	Innovation Center

10:30am - 11:30am	Sports Writing	Rooms 201A-204A		1:00pm - 3:00pm	Simulation for RB Elem	Innovation Center
	Photojournalism	Rooms 301C-304C		2:00pm - 4:00pm	Tech Run & Rehearsals for TVB	AVR
	Sci-Tech Writing	Rooms 401C-404C		4:00pm - 9:00pm	Simulation Procedures for TVB	AVR
1:00pm - 2:00pm	CRHW	Rooms 201A-204A				
	Column Writing	Rooms 301C-304C				
	Editorial Cartooning	Rooms 401C-404C				
3:30PM	Opening Program					

February 17, 2026: DAY 2 - CONTEST PROPER

TIME	INDIVIDUAL EVENT	VENUE		TIME	GROUP EVENT	VENUE
10:00am - 11:00am	News Writing	Rooms 201A-204A		8:00am - 10:00am	Scriptwriting for RB Sec Eng	Rooms 401B-406B
	Editorial Writing	Rooms 301C-304C		8:00am - 5:00pm	Collaborative Desktop Publishing	Quadrangle
	Feature Writing	Rooms 401C-404C		8:00am - 5:00pm	Online Publishing	Lecture/Press Con: AVR Simulation: College Library
	Sports Game Coverage	Barangay 1		10:00am - 11:00am	Tech Run & Rehearsals for RB Sec Eng	Innovation Center
10:30am - 11:30am	Sports Writing	Rooms 201A-204A		11:00am - 1:00pm	Simulation for RB Sec Eng	Innovation Center
	Photojournalism	Rooms 301C-304C			Scriptwriting for RB Sec Fil	Rooms 401B-406B
	Sci-Tech Writing	Rooms 401C-404C		1:00pm - 2:00pm	Tech Run & Rehearsals for RB Sec Fil	Innovation Center

2:00pm - 3:00pm	Copyreading and Headline Writing	Rooms 201A-204A		2:00pm - 4:00pm	Simulation for RB Sec Fil	Innovation Center
	Column Writing	Rooms 301C-304C				
	Editorial Cartooning	Rooms 401C-404C				

February 18, 2026 : DAY 3 - CONTEST PROPER

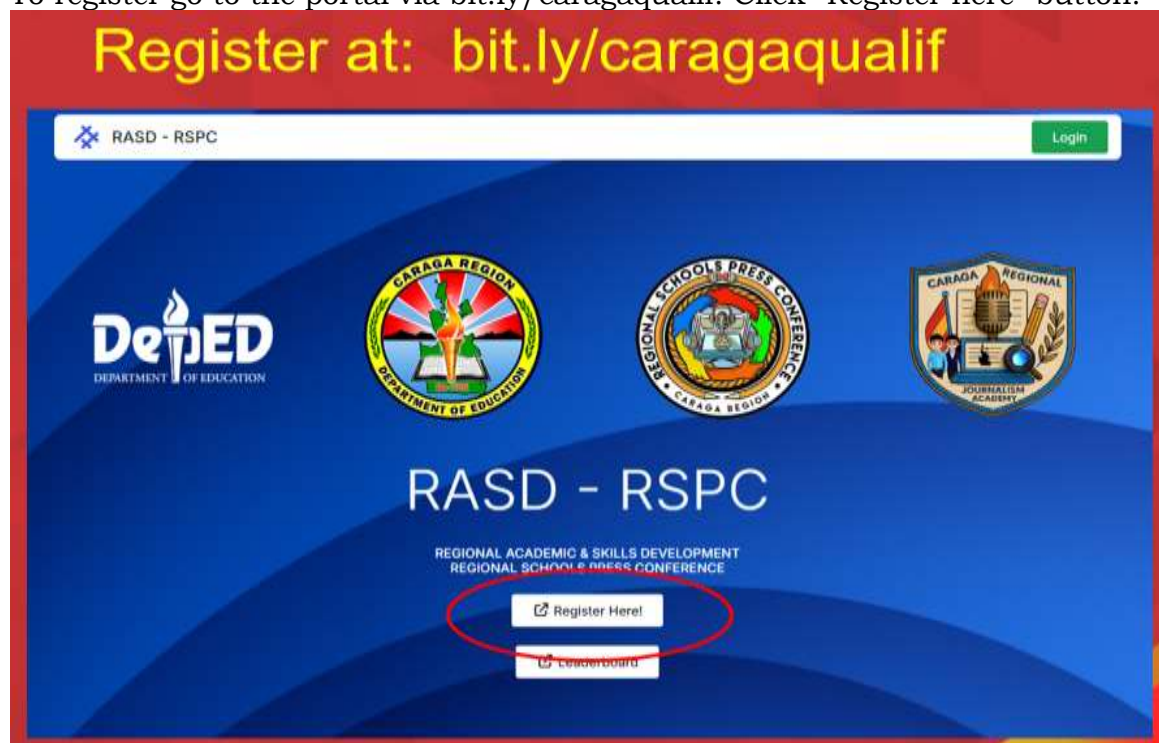
TIME	INDIVIDUAL EVENT	VENUE
10:00am - 11:00am	News Writing	Rooms 201A-204A
	Editorial Writing	Rooms 301C-304C
	Feature Writing	Rooms 401C-404C
	Sports Game Coverage	Barangay 1
10:30am - 11:30am	Sports Writing	Rooms 201A-204A
	Photojournalism	Rooms 301C-304C
	Science and Technology Writing	Rooms 401C-404C
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Copyreading and Headline Writing	Rooms 201A-204A
	Column Writing	Rooms 301C-304C
	Editorial Cartooning	Rooms 401C-404C

February 17, 2026 9:00AM-11:00AM	Concurrent Session 1	Nasipit Municipal Gymnasium
1:00PM-5:00PM	Budding Journalists' Camp	TBA
1:00PM-5:00PM	School Paper Advisers/ Journalism Coaches' Forum	TBA
February 18, 2026 9:00AM-11:00AM	Concurrent Session 2	Nasipit Municipal Gymnasium
February 18, 2026 3:00PM-7:00PM	Recognition of Excellence in Journalism (Tribute, Awarding of Outstanding SPA and CJs, Rewarding of 2025 NSPC winners for the CJs)	SMCC Quadrangle
February 19, 2026 8:00AM-12:00PM	Awarding of Winners for the School Paper Category	SMCC Quadrangle
February 20, 2026 8:00AM-11:00AM	Awarding of Winners the Individual and Group Categories	Elementary- SMCC Quadrangle Secondary- Nasipit Municipal Gymnasium
11:00AM- 12:00PM	Awarding of 2026 RSPC Overall Winners Closing Program	Nasipit Municipal Gymnasium

Enclosure no. 2 to Regional Memorandum No. 0074 2026

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

To register go to the portal via bit.ly/caragaqualif. Click “Register here” button.



Enter the details asked. Such as the Event, Category, Name and the name of the Coach.



When successfully registered, print the generated Journo e-passport.

Enclosure no. 3 to Regional Memorandum No. 0074 s., 2026

**LIST OF SELECT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
FOR THE PREPARATION OF MATERIALS AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE 2026 RSPC EVENTS**

January 22-24 and January 29-31, 2026
CLMD, DepEd RO, Butuan City

Name	Designation	Division
Gladys S. Asis	EPS	RO-CLMD
Maria Consuelo C. Jamera	EPS	RO-CLMD
Norberto O. Cullantes, Jr.	MT I	Agusan del Sur
Cornelio Malaluan	MT I	Agusan del Sur
Ramel B. Labalan	MTI	Agusan del Sur
Marc Anthony Pagoyo	T III	Bayugan City
Ronie C. Guinggue	IS Analyst deignate	SDO Bislig
Ruth L. Muego	MT II	Bislig City
Paul L. Castillo	Registrar I	Bislig City
Romelio Taghap	MT I	Surigao del Norte
Jonathan Sumalinog	T III	Surigao del Norte

ADDITIONAL LIST OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE 2026 RSPC

Name	Designation	Division
Dr. Jumer B. Carlon	Medical Officer IV	RO-ESSD
Glaiza Lloren	EPSII	RO-HRDD
Jairha Anne T. Sususco	COS	RO-ESSD
Erma D. Pagapong	ADAS I	RO-ORD
Rowena B. Ruiz	MT1	Bayugan City
Elydon Priel Z. Bitoy,	Teacher II	Bislig City