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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ

05 November 2026

SCHOOLS DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 391, s. 2026

DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (DSPC) ELIMINATION ROUND FOR INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES

To: Chief Education Supervisors
All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schoolheads
All Others Concerned

1. This Office announces the Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) Elimination Round on December 14-15, 2026 at Muñoz National High School Annex.

2. This activity aims to select the campus journalists (CJs) who will advance to the DSPC Final Round in January 2027.

3. The DSPC Elimination Round is for all public and private schools.

4. Each school may send a maximum of 2 CJs per category per medium.

5. Top 10 CJs per category per medium will be selected to participate in the DSPC Final Round.

6. Winners in the DSPC Elimination Round will be announced right after the contest and through a Schools Division Memorandum.

7. Enclosed with this issuance are the following:

   a. Program Management Team,
   b. Technical Working Group,
   c. Program,
   d. Contest Guidelines, and
   e. Matrix of Activities.

8. List of Facilitators per category will be issued through a separate memorandum.

9. This issuance serves as the Authority to Travel of the participants, technical working group, facilitators, and other concerned personnel.

10. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

JOHANNA N. GERVACIO PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: as stated
Reference: none

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

Schools Press Conference
Campus Journalism

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PROGRAM

December 14, 2026
MNHS Annex

Nationalistic Song	AVP
Prayer	AVP
DepEd Quality Policy	AVP
DepEd Muñoz Hymn	DASSPSA and DAESPA Officers
Welcome Remarks	PEDRO J. DE GUZMAN Principal IV- MNHS Annex
Statement of Purpose	LARRY B. ESPIRITU PhD CID Chief ES
Inspirational Messages	JOHANNA N. GERVACIO PhD, CESO V Schools Division Superintendent
Introduction of the Evaluators/ Judges	AILEEN G. MACTAL PhD EPS-English
	MARY QUEEN P. ORPILLA PhD EPS-Filipino
Announcement of Contest Venue	ANN CHRISTIAN A. FRANCISCO Principal I
Contest Proper	

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CONTEST GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES

1. For News Writing, Feature Writing, Editorial Writing, Science and Technology Writing, and Column Writing, fact sheets or other sources of information will be provided to the contestants as a basis for writing their articles.

2. For Sports Writing, the contestants will watch a recorded game, and they will be provided with fact sheets as their basis for writing their articles.

3. For Copyreading/ Copyediting and Headline Writing, contestants must bring their own pencil. Contestants must follow the instructions written in the contest piece or by the judge/ evaluator.

4. For Editorial Cartooning, contestants are required to bring their own pencil Mongol no. 2 while the technical working group will provide Oslo papers for the contest. Their output must be centered on the given topic.

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6. For Photojournalism, coaches and contestants must be at the venue 1 HOUR BEFORE THE CONTEST for checking purposes of the camera's internal memory and two blank memory.

Contestants are allowed to use point-and shoot or DSLR camera with a prime lens or zoom lens 18-55mm. Once the cameras are checked, the contestants shall proceed to the contest room immediately.

Contestants must bring their own camera cable for uploading and saving pictures. Cellular phones, extra digital camera, or any other additional materials/ equipment ARE NOT ALLOWED in the contest area.

Contestants must take photos in the designated contest area ONLY.

Contestants must bring their own black ballpen while the TWG will provide scratch papers where contestants can write down notes during the shooting.

Photo Shoot, Uploading, and Captioning

The loading and unloading of the storage card will be done in front of the facilitator/s. Control shot is considered the first shot.

Contestants are given one hour to take pictures. They are allowed to take unlimited shots but will submit the control shot and the FIVE PHOTOS with captions related to the given theme.

Entries that have been edited and/ or manipulated, which include but not limited to retouching, cropping, stitching, changing the colors and hues, and adjusting brightness, contrast, and saturation will not be accepted.

The submitted photos of each contestant will be saved in one folder (file naming convention of the folder: CODE NUMBER_2025 DSPC Elimination. Contestants must write the file name of each photo in the caption sheet. Caption sheets will be provided by the TWG. Contestants will be given 30 minutes to provide a caption for each of the five photos.

7. Other instructions not included in this issuance will be given by the judges/ evaluators during the contest.

8. Judges decision is final and irrevocable.

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Matrix of Contest

Day 1
Copyreading/ Copyediting and Headline Writing
Editorial Cartooning
Column Writing
Feature Writing
Day 2
News Writing
Photo Journalism
Sports Writing
Science and Technology Writing
Editorial Writing