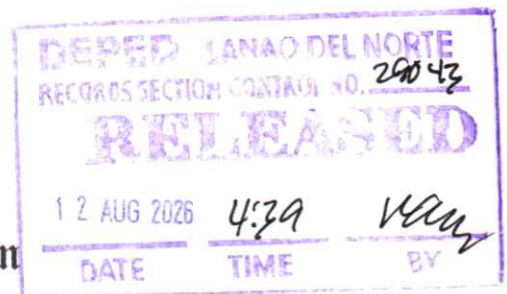




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REGION X

SCHOOLS DIVISION OF LANA DEL NORTE



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**CLUSTERED DISTRICT SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE OR THE SEARCH
FOR LDN JOURN STARS - PHASE 1**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor - CID
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Journalism Coaches
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Republic Act 7079, the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, which tasks the Department of Education to organize press conferences and training events, this Office through the Curriculum Implementation Division, announces the conduct of the **Clustered District Schools Press Conference or the Search for LDN Journ Stars 2025 - Phase 1** on August 29, 2026 in the following venues:

CLUSTERED DISTRICTS	VENUE	EVENTS
CLUSTER 1: PANTAO RAGAT/ PANTAR/TAGOLOAN/ BALOI	Pantar NHS	News Writing Features Writing
CLUSTER 2: LINAMON/ MATUNGAO/ POONA PIAGAPO/ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Academy	Linamon Central ES	Editorial Writing Sports Writing Copyediting & Headline Writing
CLUSTER 3: BACOLOD/ MUNAI/ KAUSWAGAN/ Sto. Nino HS- Bacolod	Bacolod Central ES	Science & Health/Technology Writing
CLUSTER 4: KOLAMBUGAN/ TANGCAL /MAIGO/MSU - MCEST/ Holy Cross High School	Maigo Central ES	Photojournalism Editorial
CLUSTER 5: BAROY/ TUBOD EAST/ TUBOD WEST/ MAGSAYSAY/ Mercy Junior College, Inc./ Sto. Nino Academy Inc., Baroy	Baroy Central ES	Cartooning Column Writing Online Publishing Collaborative
CLUSTER 6: SALVADOR/ LALA CENTRAL/ LALA NORTH/ LALA SOUTH/ Christ the King College de	Lala NHS	Desktop Publishing

Maranding, Inc./ Lanipao Catholic High School/ NCMC		
CLUSTER 7: SND WEST/ SND EAST SND CENTRAL/ NUNUNGAN	SADMIS	
CLUSTER 8: KAPATAGAN EAST/ KAPATAGAN CENTRAL/ KAPATAGAN WEST/ SAPAD/ St. Joseph's Community High School, Inc./ St. Francis Xavier Academy	KECS	
CLUSTER 9: Philippine Science High School - Central Mindanao Campus	PSHS-CMC	

2. This year's Clustered District Schools Press Conference aims to:
 - a. demonstrate understanding of journalism through skillful execution in various platforms (i.e., print, online);
 - b. recognize the role of journalism in advocating for social consciousness and environmental awareness;
 - c. promote fair and ethical use of media as tenets of responsible journalism;
 - d. identify participants for the Division Schools Press Conference
3. Checking and sealing of cameras, gadgets, laptops, and similar equipment shall take place one day prior to the scheduled competitions at the identified contest venues.
4. For the Individual Events, the Top 2 qualifiers of each Clustered District will proceed to the Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC). The list of the qualifiers will be released in a separate memorandum.
5. All districts are advised to conduct a district level press conference for both elementary and secondary on August 22. Each district shall send the following winners in elementary and secondary to the Clustered District Schools Press Conference:
 - a. Top one winners of the individual contests in both English and Filipino;
 - b. First Place winners of the group contest in both English and Filipino;
 - c. School Paper for all schools both in English and Filipino.
6. A campus journalist can participate in only one event, either in individual or group category.
7. Moreover, all participating schools shall submit a school paper publication in A4 size (1 copy) in consonance to the *No School Paper, No Contest Policy*.

8. This year's conference shall follow the guidelines of individual, group, and school paper contests in the 2026 National Schools Press Conference. Thus, all school heads and school paper advisers are required to read DepEd Memorandum No. 02 s, 2026.
9. All Public Schools District Supervisors and District Journalism lead administrators shall spearhead the conduct of the Clustered District Schools Press Conference and shall be assisted by all English and Filipino district lead school heads and DSPAA officers or Special Program in Journalism coordinators.
10. Travel, meals, and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged to the schools' MOOE and other funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
11. Service credits shall be given to teachers while CTO shall be credited to non-teaching personnel for every weekend attendance, per DepEd Order No. 53 s. 2003, only upon submission of two copies of accomplished Form 48.
12. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance on the contents of this Memorandum is enjoined.

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Schools Division Superintendent

Reference: RA 7079

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