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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM  
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1976 NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

To the:

Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Coordinators, State Colleges and Universities

1. The 1976 National Secondary Schools Press Conference will be held in Ilocos Norte Agricultural College, Pagsanjan, Ilocos Norte, on February 16-21. Every public secondary school, including barangay (barrio) high schools, may send not more than six (6) delegates, including the teacher-adviser, to the conference whether or not it publishes a school paper. If a school has two or more delegates, at least one should be a Third Year student. Board and lodging at P17 a day and a registration fee of P5 will be charged each delegate and adviser. It is understood that all expenses incident to attendance in the conference will come from local funds.

2. The activities for the conference are as follows:

- a. Lecture-discussions on the role of communication media in development and on various aspects of school publication work.
- b. On-the-Spot Essay Contest
- c. Editors' Workshop
- d. Individual contests in the following: (1) news writing in English and Filipino; (2) editorial writing in English and Filipino; (3) feature writing in English and Filipino; and (4) sports reporting
- e. Workshop sessions for teacher-advisers

3. Prizes will be given for group contests in news reporting, editorial writing, special features (to include literary page), both in English and Filipino, and sports reporting. Special Department of Education and Culture Awards of Distinction will be given for excellence in community education or development communication. All school papers, printed or mimeographed, are eligible for participation in the group contest.

4. The principal of each secondary school entering these contests is requested to send, by registered mail, eight (8) copies of two issues of the school paper published since the beginning of this school year in time to reach this Office not later than January 16, 1976. The following should be indicated prominently on the wrapper or envelope containing the copies: "For the Grand Contests, 1976 National Secondary Schools Press Conference," c/o Information and Publication Service, Department of Education and Culture.

5. A student-delegate to the conference may participate in not more than three (3) individual contests. Each school is allowed to enter only one participant in each contest.

6. Participation in the individual contests is limited strictly to students enrolled in the four-year secondary course. Students who have graduated from high school but are now taking secondary vocational courses in a vocational school are not eligible for the individual contests.

7. The school superintendent of each division is requested to send direct to the school superintendent for Ilocos Norte a list of delegates and advisers who will attend the conference, together with the request for accommodations, not later than January 16, 1976. Each request should include information on the approximate time and date of arrival of the delegation. A copy of the list of delegates and advisers should be furnished this Office and the Regional Office. The host division will not be responsible for the accommodation of school delegations which fail to comply with these requirements.

8. Each delegation should arrange for its transportation to Pasiguin, Ilocos Norte and return. It is suggested that reservations be placed with the transport or air company concerned as early as possible.

9. Only teachers and students who are in good health should be included in the delegation. Student-delegates should have the written permission of their parents before making this trip to Ilocos Norte. Superintendents, supervisors of journalism, educational media coordinators, high school principals/head teachers and department heads of English and Filipino may attend the conference on official time. It is reiterated that all expenses in connection with such attendance shall be charged against local funds.

10. Immediate dissemination of this Department Memorandum to all secondary school principals/head teachers, journalism supervisors, teacher-advisers of school papers and other school personnel concerned is desired.

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