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1977-1978 REGIONAL NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS
PRESS CONFERENCES

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Coordinator, State Colleges
and Universities
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Private Schools,
Colleges and Universities

1. The Department of Education and Culture will hold five (5) regional secondary schools press conferences for all public and private secondary schools, and one (1) national conference for the winners in the regional contests.

2. The venues and dates for these conferences, as well as the coordinators, are as follows:

- a. Regions IV-A & V - Laguna School of Arts and Trades, Sta. Cruz, Laguna, November 8-12, 1977. Coordinator: Regional Director, Region IV-A.
- b. Regions IX, X, XI & XII - Pasonanca, Zamboanga City, November 21-25, 1977. Coordinator: Regional Director, Region IX.
- c. Region IV - Magsaysay High School, Espana, Manila, November 28-December 3, 1977. Coordinator: Regional Director, Region IV.
- d. Regions VI, VII & VIII - Tagbilaran City, January 23-27, 1978. Coordinator: Regional Director, Region VII.

e. Regions I, II & III - Sagayan National High School, Tuguegarao, Cagayan, January 30-February 3, 1978. Coordinator: Regional Director, Region II.

f. National Conference - Tabaco High School, Tabaco, Albay, February 13-17, 1978. Coordinator: Regional Director, Region V.

3. The theme of this school year's press conference is "Getting Involved through the School Paper."

4. Every public and private secondary school, including barangay (barrio) high schools, may send not more than five delegates, including the teacher-adviser, to the regional conference. If a school has two or more delegates, at least one should be a third year student. Board and lodging at P20 a day and a registration fee of P10 will be charged each delegate and adviser. It is understood that all expenses incident to the attendance in the conference will come from local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing regulations. The private schools may have their own arrangements regarding the expenses of their delegates.

5. The activities for each conference are as follows:

- a. Lecture and panel discussions on the role of communication media particularly the school paper in encouraging greater participation and deeper commitment of the youth in the realization of national goals.
- b. Workshop sessions on the various aspects of school publication work.
- c. Individual contests in the following:
 - 1) news writing in English and in Pilipino
 - 2) feature writing in English and in Pilipino
 - 3) editorial writing in English and in Pilipino
 - 4) essay writing in English and in Pilipino
 - 5) sports reporting in English

- d. An educational tour to development projects (particularly those where the youth have been involved) and places of historical and cultural interests in the region.
6. A student delegate may participate in not more than three (3) individual contests. Each school is allowed to enter only one (1) participant in each contest.
7. Participation in the individual contests is limited strictly to students enrolled in the four-year secondary course.
8. The schools superintendent of each division, or the head of a participating private school, is requested to send as early as possible, direct to the schools superintendent of the host division of the regional area where the delegates belong (see paragraph 2 of this Memorandum), a list of those who will attend the conference, together with the request for accommodation. The superintendent of the division where the winners in the regional contests come from is likewise requested to send the list of delegates attending the national conference to the Schools Superintendent for Albay, Legazpi City. 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 the regional offices concerned. The host division will not be responsible for the accommodations of school delegations which fail to comply with these requirements. Each delegation should arrange for its transportation to the press conference site and return.
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 the trip to the conference. Superintendents, supervisors of Journalism, educational media, English and Philippine and high school principals/head teachers may attend the conference.
10. The group contest, or the competition for the selection of the best school paper, will be conducted only at the national conference level. In this con-

nection, all secondary schools that publish a school paper are requested to send eight (8) copies of at least two (2) issues of the school paper to reach this Office not later than December 31. On the wrapper should be indicated the total enrolment of the school. The bundle should be addressed to:

The Secretary of Education and Culture
Attention: Information and Publication Service
Department of Education and Culture
Arroceros, Manila

11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all those concerned, both in the public and the private schools, is desired.

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Secretary of Education and Culture

Reference:

Department Memorandum No. 253, s. 1976

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