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**DepEd MEMORANDUM**

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**REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE FOR SY 2001-2002**

TO : Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. As a penultimate activity of the DepEd Campus Journalism Program for SY 2001-2002, the Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) shall be conducted.
2. The RSPC shall be held for not more than three (3) days between October 29 to November 29, 2001. The conference shall consist of lectures and discussions on relevant issues and individual writing contest in English and Filipino at the elementary and secondary levels. The conference shall aim to:
  - a. enhance the journalistic skills/expertise of students in the different categories of the school publication;
  - b. provide simulation exercises and competition showcasing the students' journalistic competence; and
  - c. prepare the student journalists for the coming National Schools Press Conference (NSPC).
3. The schedule of the Individual Writing Contest is in Inclosure.
4. A minimal registration fee of EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (P 800.00) shall be charged each participant for live-in arrangements and FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P 500.00) for non-residential arrangements.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is requested.

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**RAUL S. ROCO**  
Secretary

Fred/SDD

(Inclosure to DepEd Memorandum No. – s. 2001)

### **Guidelines/Mechanics of RSPC**

1. The regional conference is a three (3)-day activity consisting of Individual Writing Contest in English and Filipino at the elementary and secondary levels. The categories are as follows:

Editorial Writing	Pagsulat ng Pangulong Tudling
Feature Writing	Pagsulat ng Lathalain
News Writing	Pagsulat ng Balita
Sports Writing	Pagsulat ng Balitang Isports
Copyreading & Headline Writing	Pagwawasto at Pag-uulo
Editorial Cartooning	Kartung Pang-Editoryal
Photojournalism	Pagkuha ng Larawang Pampahayagan

2. The following schedule shall be observed for the individual writing contest:

- 8:00 – 9:00 - **Copyreading & Headline – Sports Coverage**  
- **Photojournalism**
- 9:00 – 10:00 - *Free Time*
- 10:00 – 11:00 - **Sports Writing - Editorial Cartooning**
- 11:00 – 11:30 - *Free Time*
- 11:30 – 12:30 - **Feature Writing**
- 12:30 – 1:00 - *Free Time*
- 1:00 – 2:00 - **Editorial Writing**
- 2:00 – 2:30 - *Free Time*
- 2:30 – 3:30 - **News Writing**
- 3:30 - 4:00 - *Free Time*
- 4:400 - 5:00 - **Editorial Cartooning - Photo Layout**

- 2.1 A student may opt to participate in any number of categories in the same medium provided there is no conflict in the schedule.
- 2.2 There shall be seven (7) winners for each category at the elementary and secondary levels for each region. Thus, there shall be a total of THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX (3,136) regional winners, nationwide.
- 2.3 A school shall have only one (1) contestant per category regardless of the number of annexes a school may have.
- 2.4 A week after the Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC), the Regional Director shall submit the following to the Office of the Secretary, DepEd Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City (Attn.: The Director IV, Bureau of Secondary Education or the Director IV, Bureau of Elementary Education), copy furnished the Director, DepEd RO XI:
  - 2.4.1 A certified list of regional winners in the individual contests indicating the names of their schools and divisions; (in the case of special students who are regional winners, please indicate a brief description of their impairment to enable the DepEd Organizing Committee to make the necessary arrangements for their convenient participation in the national contests);
  - 2.4.2 The list of teacher-advisers who shall attend the NSPC;
  - 2.4.3 The names of Outstanding Elementary and Secondary School Paper Advisers, with their individual 2 x 2 photographs; and
  - 2.4.4. The names of Outstanding Elementary School Campus Journalists, with their individual 2 X 2 photographs; and
  - 2.4.5 The names of Outstanding Secondary School Campus journalists, with their individual 2 x 2 photographs.
3. Regional Directors are authorized to draw a cash advance from appropriate local funds to cover expenses in preparation for the RSPC. Subject: to liquidate upon completion of the activity. Such cash

advances will be reimbursed from collections of registration fees and the subsidy from the Campus Journalism Fund (R.A. 7079). The subsidy shall be released upon submission (Attn.: The Director IV, BSE) of the design of and the budget for the Regional Press Conference.

4. Non-compliance with the guidelines and the rules shall automatically disqualify the participants from the NSPC contests.

Fred/SDD

Encl.:

As stated

References:

DECS Memoranda: Nos. 435 and 540, s. 2000

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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