MEMORANDUM

TO: Chiefs (CID and SGOD)
   Education Program Supervisors
   Public Schools District Supervisors
   Secondary and Elementary School Heads

1. In preparation for the upcoming Opening of Special Program in Journalism (SPJ) at the Catanduanes National High School for the incoming grade 7 students and the Virac Pilot Elementary School for the incoming grade 4 pupils for the School Year 2017-2018, please be reminded of the following requirements for admission and screening viz:

GRADE 7 Requirements:
1. Form 138 A with proficient rating of 85% in English and Filipino and a general weighted average of 85% or above in the previous level.
2. Exhibit talent in journalism based on the results of the Special Program for Journalism Qualifying Examination (SPIQE).
   (Objective and On the Spot Essay Writing)
3. Interview of the School Screening Committee.
5. Recommendation Letter from the School paper adviser or English/Filipino teacher in the previous year.
   (The combined results of the SPIQE and Interview will be the sole basis in choosing the top 35 students to be admitted in the program).

Schedule:
April 17-20, 2017 – Listing of Enrollees
April 22, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. SPJ Qualifying Examination
1:00 p.m. – Interview

Grade 4 Requirements:
1. Form 138 A with proficient rating of 85% in English and Filipino and a general weighted average of 85% or above in the previous level.
2. Exhibit talent in journalism based on the results of the Special Program for Journalism Qualifying Examination (SPIQE).
   (Objective and On the Spot Essay Writing)
3. Interview of the School Screening Committee.
   (The combined results of the SPIQE and Interview will be the sole basis in choosing the top 35 students to be admitted in the program).

Schedule:
May 2-5, 2017 – Listing of Enrollees
May 12, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. – SPJ Qualifying Examination, Essay Writing
1:00 p.m. – Interview

2. The pioneer school principals and department head shall take lead in the screening, examination and interview with the identified Working Committee under the supervision of the Education Program Supervisor in English. COC and Service Credits shall be granted to teaching and non-teaching personnel who will take part in the admission and screening of the pioneer batch of SPJ.

3. For immediate dissemination, information and compliance.

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