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15 MAY 2026

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 581 of s. 2026

**CURRICULUM REVIEW AND ALIGNMENT OF COMPETENCIES FOR THE SPECIAL PROGRAMS IN JOURNALISM (SPJ) AND THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE (SPFL) IN SPANISH TO THE THREE-TERM CALENDAR**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
 Chief Education Supervisors  
 CID and SGOD Personnel  
 Elementary/Secondary School Heads Concerned  
 (Virac Pilot ES and Catanduanes National HS)  
 All Others Concerned

1. In line with the Department of Education's (DepEd) commitment to streamlining the learning delivery system and ensuring curriculum relevance, there is a need to recalibrate the Special Programs in Journalism (SPJ) and the Foreign Language (SPFL) competencies while waiting for the Budget of Work from the Central Office. This initiative aims to ensure that special programs in Journalism and Foreign Language competencies remain relevant and effective as the Department transitions to a Three-Term School Calendar. With regard this, there will be a conference of all concerned personnel at the Curriculum Implementation Division on the following dates, viz:

- o May 19, 2026 - Special Program for Foreign Language Teachers and School Head (Catanduanes National HS)
- o May 20, 2026 - Special Program for Journalism Teachers and School Heads (Virac Pilot ES & Catanduanes National HS)

2. The activity aims to:

1. Provide guide for the review of the current programs in SPJ Curriculum (Elementary and Secondary levels) and the SPFL Curriculum.
2. Facilitate the alignment of *Most Essential Learning Competencies* (MELCs) within a three-term structure without compromising instructional depth.
3. Provide feedback as regards implementation of the special programs.

3. Participants to this activity should bring the soft copies of the curriculum guides and laptop.



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4. Attached is the list teachers and school heads to attend the said conference.
5. These identified teachers shall be entitled to service credits in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2023, "Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers," subject to existing DepEd rules and regulations.
6. Travel and other incidental expenses shall be charged to the school's MOOE subject to the relevant and accounting rules and procedures.
7. For immediate information, dissemination and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ma. Jeany T. Abayon".

**MA. JEANY T. ABAYON**  
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Officer-In-Charge  
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Enclosure No. 1 to Division Memorandum No. 581, s. 2020

**PARTICIPANTE**

**Special Program in Journalism  
Virac Pilot Elementary School**

Grade 4 - Ma. Suzette M. Oliveros  
Grade 5 - Jake S. Sarmiento  
Grade 6 - Paul John C. Padilla  
School Head: Salve Templo

**Special Program in Journalism  
Catanduanes National High School**

Grade 7 - Jefferson S. Arcilla  
Grade 8 - Alvin T. Vargas  
Grade 9 - Axel James O. Tomes  
Grade 10 - Ruel C. Fernandez  
Head Teacher III- Lorraine T. Chiong

**Special Program in Foreign Language (Spanish)  
Catanduanes National High School**

Grade 7 - Rachel Belangel  
Grade 8 - Melissa Mae Valeza  
Grade 9 - Catherine A. Lopez  
Grade 10 - Nery A. Bautista  
Head Teacher III- Lorraine T. Chiong