DIVISION MEMORANDUM
NO. 58 s. 2018

To : All Public Schools District Supervisors
     All School Principals
     School Paper Advisers

From : ROY ANGELO E. GAZO
       Schools Division Superintendent

Subject: Publication of School Paper In All Schools

Date : February 2, 2018

1. This Office reiterates its strong commitment to adhere to the mandates of RA 7079 otherwise known as the Journalism Act of 1991, an act that provides among others, for the development and promotion of Campus Journalism as a means of strengthening ethical values, encourage critical and creative thinking, and develop moral character and personal discipline by training students to practice truth, fairness and balance in both print and broadcast reporting.

2. In compliance to the provisions of this Act, all schools in this Division are mandated to integrate journalism lessons starting from Grade IV and publish a school paper for distribution at least once a year as one of the major outputs in journalism classes. As a start, the school may publish a 12-20-page paper using A4 size bondpaper/newsprint. A copy of the school paper must be submitted to the Division Office in hard copy addressed to the Division LRMDS or in soft copy through email add: mariaeva.edon@yahoo.com immediately after publication for recording purposes.

3. School Principals are henceforth advised to include the school paper as MOV in the school's OPCR as well as make a supplemental Annual Procurement Plan and revised School Operating Budget to include an allocation from the school Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) for the printing of the school paper that will also serve as a comprehensive report of the school’s accomplishments. Schools with publication funding support from the Parents’ Teachers Association and other sources may no longer charge their journalism budget from the MOOE.

4. For strict compliance.