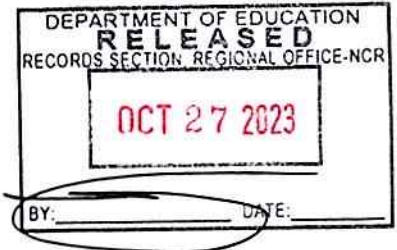




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. ORD-~~1130~~s, 2023

October 27, 2023

REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE ACCREDITED MASS MEDIA OF ACCESS TO THE ELECTORAL PROCESSES DURING THE 2023 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS

To : Schools Division Superintendents
Heads, Public Schools
Department of Education Supporting Officers

1. Attached is a copy of *Memorandum No. OUOPS No. 2023-01-9928* October 24, 2023 issued by Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary for Operations, Department of Education, relative to the request of the Commission on Elections to allow accredited members of the mass media reasonable access to all stages of the electoral processes during the October 30, 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections.
2. As directed, **DESOs shall allow all mass media who have been issued media cards and passes, reasonable access to all stages of the electoral processes, including the polling places, voting centers, and canvass centers and venues.**
3. For information and compliance

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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM : 
Atty. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : Request to Give Accredited Members of Mass Media Reasonable Access to All Stages of the Electoral Processes During the 2023 Barangay and *Sangguniang Kabataan* Elections

DATE : October 24, 2023

This Office respectfully transmits the attached letter signed by Atty. George Erwin M. Garcia, Chairman, Commission on Elections, relative to their request addressed to all Department of Education Supporting Officers (DESOs) to allow accredited members of mass media reasonable access to all stages of the electoral processes during the October 30, 2023 Barangay and *Sangguniang Kabataan* Elections.

In view of the foregoing, this Office directs all Regional Directors to disseminate instruction to all Division Offices and schools within their jurisdiction, to allow accredited members of mass media, who have been issued media cards and passes, reasonable access to all stages of the electoral processes, including the polling places, voting centers, and canvassing centers and venues.

For compliance and wide dissemination.



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Intramuros, Manila

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

October 24, 2023

UNDERSECRETARY REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Governance and Field Operations
Department of Education
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

Dear Undersecretary Escobedo,

The conduct of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections on October 30, 2023 is imbued with public interest and is expected to be the subject of media coverage.

With the COMELEC as the sole government agency charged with the conduct of peaceful and orderly polls, it is this Commission's policy to ensure accurate reporting on the conduct and results of the elections. It is of highest importance to this Commission that elections becomes an avenue for public education and, in return, increase its credibility and the confidence of the general public in our democratic processes.

It is our humble request that your good department directs all the Department of Education Supporting Officers (DESOs) to allow accredited members of the mass media reasonable access to all stages of the electoral processes, including the polling places, voting centers and canvassing centers and venues. Duly accredited members of the mass media have been issued media cards and passes to identify them.

Maraming salamat po! Mabuhay po kayo!

Sincerely yours,


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GEORGE ERWIN M. GARCIA
Chairman