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ORDINANCE NO. SP. 2974 , S-2020

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE BASIC EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM BY ADOPTING THE BLENDED LEARNING DELIVERY MODE IN QUEZON CITY AMIDST THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

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WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, Sections 16, 17 (b)(4)(ii) and 458 (5) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", provides for the City's power to enact measure to promote the General Welfare and Basic Services and Facilities to their constituents;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. SP-2269, S-2014, also known as "The Basic Education Enhancement Program of Quezon City", was enacted in recognition of the need to bridge the gap between existing efforts in providing quality and free education to a greater number of people not just by the construction of infrastructures and provision of conducive learning environment but also in terms of school materials, implements and miscellaneous subsidies to further reduce the cost of education on the part of the citizens;

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WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, Proclamation No. 922, S. 2020 was issued by the President declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, and enjoining all government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) classified the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a pandemic, prompting the national government to declare a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the country;

WHEREAS, the pandemic poses challenges in the conduct of face-to face classes as it is the priority of the state to protect the health, safety, and well-being of learners, teachers and personnel, and prevent the further transmission of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepEd) through its Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan (DO No. 12, S. 2020) resolves to adopt various learning delivery modalities such as face-to-face, Distance Learning, Blended Learning, and Homeschooling;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that there are prohibitive costs associated with accessing education, especially with the requirements under the various learning delivery modalities, most importantly to the underprivileged;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the City Government to protect the right of the people to education by ensuring that its constituents are not only afforded the opportunities to learn but to have the basic means to avail and enjoy the privilege;

WHEREAS, it is an accepted fact that not all have or can afford to purchase electronic gadgets or internet subscription, and that there are still some areas without access to internet connections, hence, the need to balance such with the provision of printed materials;

WHEREAS, aside from the printed learning materials that will be distributed by the Department of Education, the Quezon City Government needs to provide additional materials that can assist students in their education, such as, but not limited to, workbooks, worksheets, activity sheets, reference materials and other printed educational materials.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the "Quezon City Blended Learning Ordinance of 2020."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. - It shall be the policy of the Quezon City Government to establish and maintain a complete and integrated system of education relevant to national development and in consideration of the existing pandemic caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Towards this end, the City Government shall ensure, within the context of a free and democratic system, maximum contribution to the educational system strengthening Ordinance No SP-2269, S-2014 or "The Basic Education Enhancement Program of Quezon City" by adopting the Blended Learning Delivery Mode.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF BLENDED LEARNING. - As defined under Department of Education (DepEd) DO No. 12, S. 2020 in its Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan, Blended Learning is hereby defined as a learning delivery that combines face-to-face with any or a mix of online distance learning, modular distance learning, and TV/Radio-based Instruction. Blended learning will enable the schools to limit face-to-face learning, ensure social distancing, and decrease the volume of people outside the home at any given time.

Critical for implementation will be the production of the needed teacher's and learner's learning materials

SECTION 4. QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES. - As part of the City Government's effort to promote and maintain the equality and equity of access to education as well as educational materials, the benefits provided in the succeeding section, subject to the availability of funds, shall be given to the Day Care and K-12 students of Quezon City, with priority given to those who are officially enrolled in city-run day care schools and public schools in Quezon City.

SECTION 5. SCOPE OF BENEFITS. - Upon determination of the Education Affairs Unit, in coordination with the Social Services Development Department (SSDD) and Schools Division Office - Quezon City (SDO-QC), the target beneficiaries may be entitled to various sets of learning materials which can be composed of the following:

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Day Care Center Children

i. Story/Picture Books;

- ii. Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) printed learning materials;
- iii. Educational toys;
- iv. Other learning materials.

Elementary and High School Students

- i. Prescribed Workbooks;
- ii. Other Printed Learning Materials;
- iii. School Supplies;
- iv. ICT Equipment;
- v. ICT Accessories.

The printed materials set forth in this Ordinance shall be supplemental to those that will be distributed by the National Government.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTATION.

- a. For Day Care System:
 The Liga ng mga Barangay, in coordination with the Social Services Development Department (SSDD), shall be responsible for the efficient and effective implementation and distribution of benefits listed in Section 5 of this Ordinance.
- b. For the K-12 System:
 The Education Affairs Unit, in coordination with the Schools
 Division Office Quezon City (SDO-QC) and the Liga ng mga
 Barangay, shall be responsible for the efficient and effective
 implementation and distribution of benefits listed in Section 5
 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION. - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance is hereby appropriated.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders, rules and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: September 7, 2020.

GIAN G. SOTTO City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

APPROVED: NOV 1 0 2020

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 7, 2020 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 14, 2020.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III