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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.

Introduced by Councilor BERNARD R. HERRERA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

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.

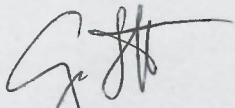
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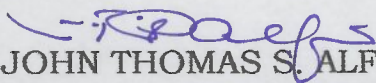
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SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - *This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.*

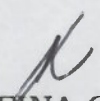
ENACTED: September 7, 2020.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

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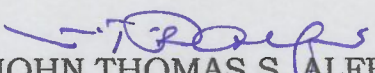

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APPROVED: NOV 10 2020


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.


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