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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1276



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RESOLUTION
URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ENSURE
THE RIGHT OF FILIPINO YOUTH TO A PRO-STUDENT MODE OF LEARNING
AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, it is the Constitutional obligation of the State to prioritize education in budget allocation, and to promote and protect the right of youth to continue learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, legislators, students, teachers, and members of different sectors firmly believe that education is a right and that education is an instrument for empowerment and national development as it serves a public and social purpose;

WHEREAS, education sectors believe that higher state funding is needed for our public schools, universities, and colleges to provide ample support for students, faculty, and non-teaching personnel, and to develop the capacity of public education institutions for flexible learning modalities in the midst of a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, many students, parents, and teachers are suffering from the impacts brought about by the shift to distance learning while face-to-face classes are not yet feasible because of current public health conditions;

WHEREAS, these sectors have come up with a set of concrete demands that will enable the smooth opening of the new academic year and the provision of safe, quality, and accessible education amid the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, students and youth express their strongest appeal to the national government and to the Honorable Members of both chambers of Congress to:

- a) prioritize students' and teachers' welfare
 - implement necessary health measures in schools
 - provide services for mental, emotional and physical health
 - ensure basic services like transportation
- b) provide necessary resources to ensure students' access to education
 - expand the coverage of scholarships and stipends
 - provide subsidies for gadgets and internet connection
 - fund learning modules and related logistical matters
- c) provide economic assistance to families and stop the increase and/or collection of exorbitant and redundant school fees
- d) uphold students' democratic rights and ensure pro-student mode of learning
 - encourage asynchronous classes
 - shift to flexible, compassionate, accommodating grading systems
 - relax stringent policies, including those on attendance, uniform, and social media use
 - ensure and respect student representation

WHEREAS, education sectors are collectively resolved to protect the right to education during these difficult times and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Members of the House of Representatives shall prioritize necessary measures to uphold the right of Filipino youth to a pro-student mode of learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives shall increase the subsidy for quality and inclusive distance education in public schools and in state universities and colleges (SUCs) amid the COVID-19 pandemic

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives shall study options and exhaust all means to help displaced students, faculty, and personnel of schools which have closed due to the worsening economic crisis;

FINALLY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives shall urge the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education to release guidelines that pay attention to the welfare of students and are responsive to the plight of various sectors in the education community.

Adopted,



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