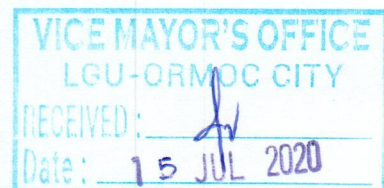


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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL
ON JULY 14, 2020



PRESENT:

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Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc
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Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan ng Ormoc

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-208

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY MAYOR, RICHARD I. GOMEZ, TO GRANT ONE TIME CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) HEALTH EMERGENCY RELIEF SUBSIDY IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP3,000.00) EACH TO ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF ORMOC.

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, a State of Public Health Emergency was declared in the Philippines due to the rapid spread of the Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) which was then followed with a declaration of a State of Calamity through Proclamation No. 929 dated March 16, 2020, thereby mandating all government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to render full assistance and cooperation with each other and to mobilize the necessary resources to eliminate the threat posed by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, with the current economic downturn, due to the effects of preventing COVID-19 from spreading, teachers in private schools – who are also considered front-runner missionaries of knowledge in the field of education – seek government aid during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA) revealed that there are around 409,757 teachers, faculty, and school personnel in private educational institutions nationwide who are affected by the community quarantine and health protocol measures imposed in the different parts of the country. These teachers are either receiving reduced pay now or they are no longer being paid at all due to "no work no pay" scheme. In Ormoc City, DEPED Division Office recorded 464 teachers in the private schools;

WHEREAS, considering that there is much uncertainty on the enrollment of students which would consequently affect the ability of many private schools to sustain themselves, teachers in private educational institutions should also be given assistance to help them cope with the effects of the pandemic. It is noted that while teachers in public or government-ran schools are guaranteed their salaries during the pandemic, the same cannot be said of teachers in private schools whose income are drawn from students' tuition. As raised by the private school administrators during the dialogue with private schools in Ormoc City last June 8, 2020, the private schools suffered from loss of income for the past three months due to the COVID-19 measures imposed by the City which directly affects the salaries of their teachers;

WHEREAS, while the government support program includes private junior high school teachers as they were contracted to supplement the public school enrollees through the Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (GASTPE) program, this support is limited and as far as emergency relief is concerned, the social amelioration program of the DSWD, the COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program of the DOLE, and the Small Business Wage Subsidy of SSS-DOF-BIR do not include the teachers in their listed beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, aside from receiving relatively higher pay compared to Private School Teachers, Public school teachers enjoy support from the city government. Teachers in the private schools on the other hand are left to fend for themselves and that their income entirely depends or conditioned on the tuition fees of the students. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the struggling private school teachers in Ormoc City turns to the city government for financial assistance to keep them afloat. Hence, the proposed emergency relief subsidy hopes to equalize the playing field of teachers in the private schools and the public schools especially at this time of health emergency considering that the elementary and high school teachers of the public schools received their allowances from the City Government and considering further that remuneration of private school teachers are lagging behind;

WHEREAS, the primordial intent of the State is to provide quality education to all students and giving support to the teachers does not stop at benefitting the teachers but more significantly to benefit the children and the youth whose bright future depends on the best motivation of the teachers, the so called quite frontliner and heroes of our communities;

WHEREAS, upon close and thorough review, this Sanggunian hears the plight of the teachers in the private schools and recognizes their significant and valuable contribution in our community and for fulfilling their noble vocation in persistently empowering the children and youth amid the challenges posed by COVID-19 and therefore most deserving of this august Body's full support and affirmative action;

WHEREFORE, on MASS MOTION of the Body; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY MAYOR, RICHARD I. GOMEZ, TO GRANT ONE TIME CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) HEALTH EMERGENCY RELIEF SUBSIDY IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP3,000.00) EACH TO ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF ORMOC;

ADOPTED, July 14, 2020.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, to furnish copies of this resolution each to the City Mayor of Ormoc Richard I. Gomez, the City Administrator, Mr. Vincent L. Emnas; the City Legal Officer, Atty. Josephine M. Romero; the City Accountant, Ms. Rosario Serafica, the City Budget Officer, Ms. Sabrina Duero, the Department of Education – Ormoc City Division; the City Local Government Operations Officer-DILG; and all other offices concerned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN, JR.
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer