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PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. _____, Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING COMPULSORY BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) AND FIRST AID TRAINING FOR ALL TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY, PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILOR ALFRED VARGAS, MPA

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares it as a policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates local government units to exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental to promote the general welfare, health, and safety of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, schools are high-density environments where medical emergencies, such as cardiac arrest, choking, asthma attacks, severe allergic reactions, and traumatic injuries, occur without warning, requiring immediate and competent emergency intervention before professional medical responders arrive;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10871, otherwise known as the "Basic Life Support for High School Students Act," recognizes the vital role of life-saving skills in emergency response and encourages comprehensive emergency training within educational ecosystems;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10871 states that it shall be the duty of all public and private basic education schools operating nationwide to provide their students with basic life support training through the use of psychomotor training in an age-appropriate manner.

WHEREAS, while existing national legislation targets high school students, comprehensive school safety requires that emergency readiness do not rest solely on students, but must explicitly mandate life-saving capability among all educators, administrators, and support staff who hold a duty of care and act as immediate first responders on campus;

WHEREAS, statistics from national health and education agencies highlight severe gaps in campus healthcare infrastructure, evidenced by a public school nurse-to-student ratio averaging 1:5,000 nationwide, leaving thousands of learners in local academic institutions without dedicated on-site medical professionals during sudden medical crises;

WHEREAS, parents and guardians entrust the safety and well-being of their children to educational institutions, creating a moral and administrative duty of care for schools

to maintain a secure, emergency-ready environment equipped with certified adult responders;

WHEREAS, the presence of properly trained teaching and non-teaching personnel drastically increases survival rates during medical emergencies, making early bystander CPR and basic first aid a critical component of disaster preparedness and school safety;

WHEREAS, Quezon City, as a champion of public health, disaster resilience, and student welfare, deems it necessary to mandate institutionalized, recurring emergency life-support training for all school staff across both public and private sectors.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Title. -This Ordinance shall be known as the " Safe Schools Basic Life Support (BLS) Ordinance of Quezon City"

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the Quezon City Government to safeguard the well-being of students, faculty, staff, and visitors in all educational institutions within its territorial jurisdiction. To achieve this, the City shall ensure that all school personnel are equipped with essential life-saving skills and emergency intervention protocols.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Basic Life Support (BLS)**- Immediate emergency care which includes Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) use, given to a person in critical danger until professional medical help arrives.
- b. **Educational Institutions** -All public and private schools offering early childhood, primary, secondary, tertiary, technical-vocational, and special education programs operating within Quezon City.
- c. **Teaching Personnel** - All regular, contractual, substitute, or part-time instructional staff, including teachers, professors, instructors, guidance counselors, and academic department heads.
- d. **Non-Teaching Personnel** - All administrative staff, maintenance personnel, security guards, canteen operators and handlers, bus/van drivers, athletic coaches, and auxiliary workers employed by or deployed within the school campus.

SECTION 4. Mandatory Basic Life Support Training. - All teaching and non-teaching personnel of public and private educational institutions in Quezon City are hereby required to undergo and successfully complete certified Basic Life Support (BLS) and First Aid Training.

- a. Initial training shall be completed within six (6) months of employment or the effectivity of this Ordinance. Refresher courses and re-certification shall be conducted every two (2) years.
- b. The curriculum must cover, at minimum:
 - Adult, Child, and Infant Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
 - Automated External Defibrillator (AED) handling and operation

- Basic First Aid for fractures, burns, hemorrhages, and common school injuries
- Standard operating procedures for coordinating with local Emergency Medical Services.

SECTION 5. Compliance. - Every school shall maintain a BLS Compliance Registry of all certified personnel. The SDO-Quezon City (for public schools) and the QC Health Department (for private schools) shall inspect compliance records annually.

SECTION 6. Incentives. - Teaching personnel in public schools completing the training shall be granted applicable service credits or Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units, subject to DepEd guidelines.

SECTION 7. Good Samaritan Clause. - Any teaching or non-teaching personnel who renders CPR, BLS, or emergency first aid in good faith during an emergency within school premises shall not be held civilly or administratively liable for any injuries resulting from such acts, provided there was no gross negligence, willful misconduct, or intentional harm.

SECTION 8. Certification - To ensure high standards and consistency, trainings and certification shall be obtained only from the Quezon City Government through the Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Department (QCDRRMD), Quezon City Health Department (QCHD) and its accredited BLS Training Organization/s.

SECTION 9. Training Scheme for Public and Private Schools

- Public Schools:** The QCDRRMD and QCHD, in coordination with the Schools Division Office (SDO) of Quezon City, shall schedule cluster-based, free training sessions for all public school personnel.
- Private Schools:** Private educational institutions shall be responsible for organizing training sessions for their staff through accredited providers. Private schools may partner with QCDRRMD/QCHD subject to resource availability and scheduling agreements.

SECTION 10. Failure to Comply.- Educational institutions that willfully fail to comply with the mandatory training provisions of this Ordinance shall be given a written warning and a mandatory attendance of the management at a QCHD safety seminar.

SECTION 11. Implementation. - the implementation of this ordinance shall be under the Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Department in coordination with the Quezon City Health Department and Schools Division of Quezon City.

SECTION 12. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Department in coordination with the Quezon City Health Department, Schools Division of Quezon City and other relevant offices, shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

SECTION 13. Separability Clause. If any part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts hereof which are unaffected by the declaration shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions in this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Adopted: _____, 2026



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