



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (CITY COUNCIL)**  
City Government of Baguio

October 12, 2017



**Mr. FEDERICO P. MARTIN, Ed.D., CESO VI**  
Schools Division Superintendent  
Department of Education – CAR  
Baguio City

**Dear Mr. Martin:**


The Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Baguio is conducting legislative monitoring and evaluation of Resolution Numbered 198, series of 2016, entitled **“REQUESTING THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO CONSIDER A POLICY OR GUIDELINE FOR THE SUSPENSION OF EXAMINATIONS OR GRADED ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS, PARTICULARLY IN PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY, AND SECONDARY, IN TIMES OF TYPHOONS, FLOODING, OTHER WEATHER DISTURBANCES, AND CALAMITIES WHEN CLASSES IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO ARE NOT SUSPENDED OR CANCELLED AUTOMATICALLY OR WHEN NO ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE WERE MADE.”**

In this regard, may we solicit your comments, suggestions or recommendations in relation to the ordinance, and these be submitted to the office provided below on or before October 27, 2017 to give us ample time to introduce the necessary legislations:

**RESEARCH DIVISION, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**  
**Thru: Mr. Dan Ricky M. Ong, Local Legislative Staff Officer V**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, Baguio City**

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation to the plans and programs of our city.

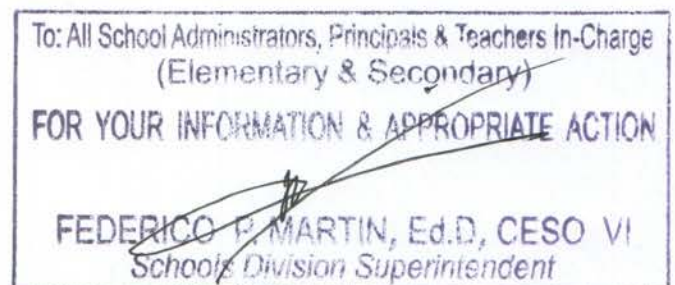
Very truly yours,

  
**EDISON R. BILOG**  
City Vice Mayor

Attached: Resolution No. 198, series of 2016

Copy furnished:

- **HONORABLE MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN**  
City Mayor



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Republic of the Philippines  
City of Baguio  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
(CITY COUNCIL)

REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2016

PRESENT:

Hon. Edison R. Bilog, *City Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer*;  
Hon. Leandro B. Yangot Jr., *Member*;  
Hon. Edgar M. Avila, *Member*;  
Hon. Roberto C. Ortega, *Member*;  
Hon. Faustino A. Olowan, *Member*;  
Hon. Elmer O. Datuin, *Member*;  
Hon. Maria Mylen Victoria G. Yaranon, *Member*;  
Hon. Elaine D. Sembrano, *Member*;  
Hon. Peter C. Fianza, *Member*;  
Hon. Lilia A. Fariñas, *Member*;  
Hon. Arthur L. Allad-iw, *Member*;  
Hon. Benny O Bomogao, *Member*;  
Hon. Michael L. Lawana, *Ex-Officio Member*.

ABSENT:

Hon. Joel A. Alangsab, *Member* (with prior notice).

VACANT:

Ex-Officio Member (President, Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, City Chapter).

*Introduced by Hon. Peter C. Fianza and  
based on the report and recommendation of  
the Committee on Education, Culture and  
Historical Research*

RESOLUTION Numbered 198  
(Series of 2016)

REQUESTING THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO CONSIDER A POLICY OR GUIDELINE FOR THE SUSPENSION OF EXAMINATIONS OR GRADED ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS, PARTICULARLY IN PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY, AND SECONDARY, IN TIMES OF TYPHOONS, FLOODING, OTHER WEATHER DISTURBANCES, AND CALAMITIES WHEN CLASSES IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO ARE NOT SUSPENDED OR CANCELLED AUTOMATICALLY OR WHEN NO ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE WERE MADE.

WHEREAS, Department of Education Order No. 43, Series of 2012 [GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 66 (Prescribing Rules on the Cancellation or Suspension of Classes and Work in Government Offices Due to Typhoons, Flooding, Other Weather Disturbances, and Calamities)] recognizes the authority and responsibility of parents in determining the risks their children may encounter in going to school in times of inclement weather, hazards, or calamities;

WHEREAS, the guidelines, in fact, place the determination of risk ultimately on parents as provided in paragraph 2 (h) of guidelines hereunder reproduced to wit:

*"2. In compliance thereof, the following guidelines shall be observed by all concerned regional, division, and school officials of both public and private schools:*

*"xxx*

*"h. Responsibility of Parents*

*"The DepEd still maintains that parents have the ultimate responsibility for determining whether their children should go to school, even if no order for cancellation/suspension of classes has been issued, if they feel that traveling to or from school will place their children at risks. (Underscoring provided)*

*"Parents are advised to check for media advisories coming from PAGASA, NDRRMC, RDRRMCs, LDRRMCs or the Office of the President itself.";*

WHEREAS, the ultimate responsibility, however, may not be effected because there are times that children will insist to go to school for fear of missing scheduled or announced examinations or graded activities which may affect their academic standings;

WHEREAS, while some schools have adopted a policy allowing special examinations or make-up activities, they are usually found more difficult or that the achievable credit for such are usually lesser compared to those who braved the ill weather;

WHEREAS, unless the fear be cleared, there is no way that full respect to the ultimate responsibility and to the authority of parents can be supported or realized; and

Resolution Numbered 198, Series of 2016, page 2.

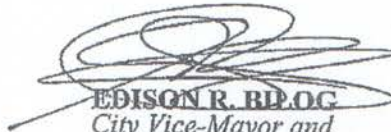
WHEREAS, the system of communications we now have today where parents can easily inform schools of the exercise of their ultimate responsibility will definitely make easy the definition of the parameters of the policy or guideline;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Fianza, Hon. Yaranon, and Hon. Bomogao, seconded by Hon. Sembrano, Hon. Yangot, Hon. Allad-iw, Hon. Ortega, and Hon. Olowan be it


RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to request the Regional Office of the Department of Education and private schools to consider a policy or guideline for the suspension of examinations or graded activities in schools, particularly in preschool, elementary, and secondary, in times of typhoons, flooding, other weather disturbances, and calamities when classes in the City of Baguio are not suspended or cancelled automatically or when no announcements for the purpose were made.

Unanimously adopted.

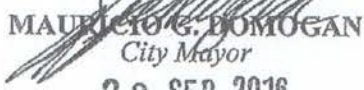
CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
EDISON R. B. O. G.  
City Vice-Mayor and  
Presiding Officer  
SEP 29 2016

Attested:

  
BRENNER A. BENGWAYAN  
City Secretary

NOTED:

  
MAURICIO G. BOMOGAN  
City Mayor  
29 SEP 2016

PROTACIO P. TANGALIN JR.

JENNIFER W. MARTIN