

QC council okays mandatory anti-drugs program in public schools

THE Quezon City Council recently approved a resolution for the mandatory anti-illegal drugs education program for parents and teachers association in all public elementary and high schools in Quezon City.

The Council also urged the QC Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council (QCADAAC) and the council Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs to conduct an anti-illegal drugs education program to orient them on drug abuse prevention and control.

Councilor Allan Butch Francisco, proponent of the resolution, said the instructions on drug abuse prevention and control must be integrated in the elementary, secondary and tertiary curricula of all public and private schools.

Under the resolution, the student councils and campus organizations in elementary, secondary, and tertiary schools shall include a program for the prevention of drug abuse among students in their activities.

Francisco filed the resolution after the Dangerous Drugs Board had identified preventive education programs as a key component of its drug demand reduction-strategy.

The study conducted by the Drug Policy Alliance found that the most effective preventive measure against drug abuse among youths are after-school programs and the adoption of a drug education framework.

The QCADAAC and the city council Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs have been conducting "Masa Masid," a drug education program in the barangays of Quezon City.

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