

Belmonte leads anti-bullying campaign for parents in Quezon City schools

TO bring awareness to the consequences of bullying on students from Quezon City's schools, Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte is leading a campaign to educate parents on bullying as part of the Office of the Vice Mayor's Values Formation Program.

The vice mayor highlighted that, among the types of bullying, cyberbullying is the most prevalent form of bullying among young people today.

The vice mayor also brought attention to emotional bullying, in which young people's emotions are being manipulated; verbal bullying, in which children are subjected to hurtful statements and gossip; and physical bullying, in which

children are physically assaulted or their belongings damaged.

The consequences of bullying, she said, could lead to death, with numerous cases of young people committing suicide due to bullying.

As part of the campaign, Belmonte reminded parents that all schools must have anti-bullying policies that will inform parents on what to do in case their children are involved as victims or perpetrators of acts of bullying.

As presiding officer of the city council, Belmonte backed the passing of Ordinance No. SP-2157, S-2012, or the Bullying Ordinance of Quezon City, that aims to "put an end to the alarming problem of bullying among students."