

QC ups school workers' rice outlay by P500

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QUEZON City Mayor **Herbert Bautista** has signed an ordinance granting all teaching and non-teaching personnel in public schools a P500 increase in their quarterly rice allowance from P1,500 to P2,000 quarterly.

“The Quezon City government recognizes the efforts of our school personnel to nurture our students who we consider as the future of our city and our nation. This increase—along with the other allowance increases we have made possible last year—is to make sure our teachers are compensated justly,” Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte** said.

“We also understand that the price of rice has increased in the previous months, which is why we proposed an ordinance for the rice allowance hike. With its approval, I’m sure this will help our teachers and personnel in their daily expenses,” she added.

Ordinance No. 2754 mandated the inclusion of the rice allowance fund to the city’s 2019 budget to begin the distribution of the increased allowance this year.

“For our public school teachers, we also increased their longevity pay from P100 to P400 for every five years of service. I think these increases just go to show that one of our highest priorities in Quezon City is really education and, since teachers are front and center in our drive to improve this service in the city, we will continue to implement reforms that benefit them and the students,” Belmonte said.

Bautista just recently signed Ordinance 2782 providing an increase to teachers’ longevity pay for every five years of continuous service within public schools.

Last Oct. 2, Ordinance No. 2751 was also signed to raise the monthly supplemental allowance from P1,000 to P1,500 for national paid public school teaching and non-teaching personnel in Quezon City.