

Belmonte vows better education in QC

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QUEZON City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte reiterated her commitment to improve the quality of education in the city following reports that some high school students in public schools still find it difficult to reread and write.

“As vice mayor, I have always made education one of my top priorities. The public school teachers know this because, when they asked for the city’s help for their allowances and benefits, I aided them in whatever capacity I could and continue to do so,” Belmonte, who is running for mayor in the upcoming elections, said.

Belmonte vowed to improve the education services in the city by promoting early childhood education and investing more resources that will benefit all stakeholders including students, parents, and teaching and non-teaching personnel.

“Here in our city, we need to commit more resources to invest in early childhood education, to create programs to make more parents involved, and to give our teachers the compensation they deserve. We will do this in close collaboration with the Department of Education and Division of City Schools,” she said.

Recently, the Quezon City government passed an ordinance increasing by P500 the quarterly rice allowance of school personnel in the city.

Moreover, the teachers’ longevity pay was also increased from P100 to P400 for every five years of continuous service.

“Knowing that some elementary and high school students in Quezon City are still unable to read is heart-breaking. This is why I vow to continue what I started as vice mayor if ever I am elected to a higher position,” Belmonte said.