

QC explains class suspension

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After the backlash on its decision to cancel classes in all levels on Thursday, the Quezon City disaster office admitted consulting a former intern of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA). The city's public affairs department cited monsoon rains stirred by typhoon "Hanna," which may "pose threat to public safety," when it announced the class suspension on Facebook late Wednesday — a decision that drew flak due to an early morning break in the rainy weather.

No other Metro Manila city suspended classes yesterday.

Quezon City Mayor **Joy Belmonte**, in a separate Facebook post, said a "PAGASA consultant" advised the local government to cancel classes due to consistent reports of bad weather.

However, she added that, "If the sun shines brightly, please know that we only had best interests at heart".

Belmonte later said **Quezon City's disaster risk reduction and management** unit failed to give her the name of the "PAGASA consultant."