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A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DepEd), THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM), THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL (NNC), AND OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES, TO EXPAND THE SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM (SBFP) TO INCLUDE, AS SECONDARY BENEFICIARIES, CURRENTLY ENROLLED NUTRITIONALLY-AT-RISK ADOLESCENT PREGNANT MOTHERS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS, IN LINE WITH NATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROTECT THE FIRST 1,000 DAYS OF LIFE

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11037, otherwise known as the Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act, institutionalizes a National Feeding Program to combat hunger and undernutrition among Filipino children, with its Section 4(b) establishing the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) for undernourished public school children;

WHEREAS, the current statutory framing of Section 4(b) of the said law references kindergarten to grade six, having limited service coverage for enrolled adolescent pregnant learners in public high schools despite their elevated nutrition risk and the consequences of undernutrition for both mother and child;

WHEREAS, EDCOM II has surfaced data showing over 140,000 adolescent pregnant learners in the basic education system, who face higher risks of low birth weight, preterm birth, and adverse neonatal outcomes; thus it has recommended prioritizing nutritionally-at-risk adolescent mothers as part of SBFP to support the first 1,000 days;

WHEREAS, expanding SBFP coverage to these learners, subject to availability of funds, is consistent with the policy of Republic Act No. 11037 intended to address undernutrition, and can be operationalized through General Appropriations Act (GAA) special provisions and/or revised program guidelines, while ensuring coherence with Department of Health protocols, Water, Sanitation, and Health (WASH), micronutrient supplementation, and nutrition education.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the National Government, through the Department of Education (DepEd), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the National Nutrition Council (NNC), and other relevant agencies, to expand the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) to include, as secondary beneficiaries, currently enrolled nutritionally-at-risk adolescent pregnant mothers in public high schools, in line with national recommendations to protect the first 1,000 days of life.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the implementing national agencies be urged to adopt the following program safeguards and parameters:

1. *Non-Incentive Clause. – Coverage shall not be construed as an incentive for early pregnancy; it is a harm-reduction, nutrition-only intervention for learners already pregnant and enrolled.*

2. *In-Kind Modality Only. – Assistance shall be in kind (meals and/or milk); no cash stipends or monetary transfers are provided under this modality.*

3. *Health Integration. – Eligibility shall automatically trigger the Department of Health's aligned prenatal referral, micronutrient supplementation, Water, Sanitation, and Health (WASH), and age-appropriate counseling; schools shall coordinate with local health units.*

4. *Confidentiality and Safeguarding. – Implementers shall ensure confidential case management, data privacy, informed consent or assent, and adherence to DepEd child-protection policies; delivery shall be discreet and non-promotional.*

5. *Nutrition Standards. – Meals or milk shall meet the Department of Health or National Nutritional Council (NNC) pregnancy nutrition guidance; the milk component shall utilize, as far as practicable, locally-produced milk, ensuring safety and quality.*

6. *Complementary Prevention. – Expansion shall proceed in parallel with comprehensive sexuality education and teen pregnancy-prevention programs; communications shall emphasize maternal-child health and schooling continuity, not benefits of pregnancy.*

7. *Monitoring and Evaluation. – With NNC support, DepEd shall track simple indicators (attendance, weight gain during pregnancy as appropriate, prenatal referral uptake, and feasible birth outcomes) with privacy safeguards, and report aggregated results in the annual program report.*

8. *Funding and Releases. – DBM and DepEd are urged to include a Special Provision in the GAA authorizing this expansion and to ensure timely cash releases to schools; where necessary, phased prioritization may focus first on severely or acutely undernourished learners.*

ADOPTED: November 19, 2025.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on November 19, 2025 and was CONFIRMED on November 26, 2025.

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