# QC passes blended learning ordinance

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QUEZON City Mayor Joy Belmonte announced on Thursday that she has signed an ordinance institutionalizing blended learning, a method used in the city during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Quezon City has taken decisive action to ensure students keep learning even when classrooms are full or the weather makes it unsafe to go to school," said Belmonte, noting the Blended Learning Program will be implemented in all public elementary and high schools in the city.

Belmonte clarified that the utilization of blended learning is not a move away from classroom-based education.

"Face-to-face learning is still the foundation of our public school system. But when students cannot be physically present, we now have a safe, structured alternative," the mayor said.

Principally authored by Councilors Ally Medalla and Bernard Herrera, the ordinance mandates schools to temporarily shift to blended learning when a school is identified by the Schools Division Office as highly congested, or when face-to-face learning is unsafe due to typhoons, extreme heat, health risks, or other emergencies.

The program includes asynchronous learning options guided by an established process, and done in coordination with school administrators and families of students.